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President's Message

Happy March Flyfishers!

Well, I see my comments last month really jinxed us, as we got quite the snow-dump in Feb! But the silver lining is that an increase of our snowpack means better health of our rivers, so it's not that bad. Fishing continues to be pretty decent in the 3 local streams that support winter fishing (Metolius, Crooked, and Fall) when you can get there, so go out and have at it.

Hopefully everyone saw the email announcing the new timeframe for our newsletter publication - you'll see it on the 7th of the month starting March 7. This action was necessary to be able to include all the info from our monthly Board meetings, which were moved back to the end of the month due to scheduling conflicts. It should be pretty seamless for everyone.

COF is in line to receive an unexpected and most generous bequeathment of \$9477 from the estate of Dan Driskill, longtime COF member and past President. Mr. Driskill generously put COF in his will, and he passed away last year. The will can still be contested until March 1st, so we should know for sure if we will receive these funds by the time you read this. This money will help offset the amount we didn't get from our cancelled Banquet and Sportsman's Show Kids Pond from last year.

Cool video of the month: Ever hook a nice fish, and just as you're getting it close to the net the hook pops out, and your rig gets fatally tangled around your rod tip (or worse, high in a tree)? If so, you're not alone - this (or some variant) seems to happen to me almost every time I fish. If I'm fishing, I'm tangling! This month's video is another from the Huge Fly Fisherman who brings us useful info in a very entertaining format. The instructional part of the video goes to around minute 4, but it continues another 4 minutes while you share a beer with him (see, entertaining right? How many other guys are doing this?)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQ4mX6ypXRE>

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.

Get out and fish!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL *virtual* MEETING | MARCH 17TH
MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.



YANCY LIND



ETHAN LIND

This month longtime COF member **Yancy Lind** will be giving his presentation on bull trout fishing on Lake Billy Chinook. There is little question that Yancy is one of Central Oregon's most knowledgeable fly anglers. He has spent countless hours exploring Oregon's piscatorial offerings looking for trophy fishes. He is an avid steelhead fisherman calling the Deschutes River his home, and for over a decade, when he is not angling for steelhead, he spends the early spring months fishing Lake Billy Chinook for the elusive bull trout. His presentation, this month, will talk about the bull trout's history and life, habitat, range, and show videos of bull trout going through the Opal Springs fish ladder, as well as reviewing equipment needs, techniques, and locations on LBC to target this special fish.

Yancy has been a member of COF since 2004 and is a former board member. For better or worse, his wife has called herself a "fishing widow" most of that time.

"We all love fly fishing for our own reasons and have our preferred styles. I like to go after big fish, wild fish, preferably native fish. I can't stand crowds, like to be challenged, and, of course, the tug is the drug. Chasing elusive bull trout on Lake Billy Chinook checks all the boxes. This is tough, frustrating fishing, but can be rewarding – reminiscent of steelhead fishing" (Yancy Lind)

2021 COF
Program Schedule

MARCH

Yancy Lind – Bull Trout at Billy Chinook

APRIL

Jim/Rachael Andras – Upper Rogue

MAY

Scott Cook – Crane Prairie Fly Fishing

JUNE

David Paul Williams – Smallmouth Fishing on John Day

JULY

Brian O'Keefe – Owyhee River Seasons

AUGUST

Leland Miyawaki – Cutthroat/Pacific Salmon in Puget Sound

SEPTEMBER

Tye Kreuger – Louisiana Red Fishing

OCTOBER

Jason Wilcox USFS – Deep Creek Fish Salvage Plan

NOVEMBER

Dax Messett – Year of the Nomad Angler

DECEMBER

Bob Clouser – Bass from Top to Bottom



OUTINGS

2021 Owyhee River Outing MARCH 23-MARCH 26, 2021 TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

This year's outing is scheduled for March 23 to March 26. Winter flows have been stable at 29 CFS all winter. The Owyhee basin hasn't had much snow but the reservoir is about half full. It is a huge reservoir and when full it holds two years worth of irrigation water.

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is a gem. Think the Crooked River on steroids. Instead of rainbows and whitefish, think browns, big browns. A 15-incher is a small fish. The trip is timed to hopefully coincide with the skwala hatch. If we are lucky, there will be spectacular top water action as the fish smash your skwala pattern. Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don't forget the small stuff either. Size 18-22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey's video of the Owyhee at: <http://vimeo.com/5327229>.

It takes about five hours to get to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Cenex Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle Blvd. Go for

about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really; there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park. If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam. There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you're at a campground with an outhouse and trash service. There is no cell service. There is WiFi at the museum on the irrigation department property. There is no password so you can just hangout on the bench outside the museum and use the wifi. Water is available.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario or renting one of the two bungalows that the irrigation department manages that are next to the campground. To book one of these, go to www.owyheedamcabins.com and click on the three bars in the upper left. Take a look at the cabins and then click on the cabins calendar button. If the bungalow is not booked, send an email request to owyheedamcabins@gmail.com and request a booking.

Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you can just pull over and set up camp anywhere you like. The 10 miles of fishing below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>. There are tons of archived reports on the site. Unfortunately, it is now a paid site so you will have to decide if it is worth it to you to go back to last March to see how the hatch was a year ago. Their stoneflies are killer. I am making an order now so that I will have a dozen or so ready for this trip.

The camping area is now first come first serve – reservations are no longer available at the camping area and the fee is currently \$5.

All are welcome on this outing. There is no limit to how many can come, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a rough head count. If you are pulling a big rig, please park just OUTSIDE of the campground proper along the river and leave the camping area for tents and small trailers.

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Central Oregon Flyfishers Crooked River Cleanup SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 10:00 A.M., BIG BEND CAMPGROUND, PLEASE RSVP

Wear your mask and bring your gloves, drinking water, (lunch and fishing gear if desired), to our Crooked River cleanup Saturday, April 10. We will meet at the Big Bend Campground at 10:00 a.m. Big Bend is the first BLM campground on state highway 27 right below the Bowman Dam.

Big Bend Campground is where you'll need to wear your mask. Social distancing will be easy out along the highway. We will disperse the ODOT equipment which includes safety vest, litter bags, litter grabbers, and assign cleanup segments at 10:00. Litter bags are filled, secured, and left along the highway shoulder. Equipment comes back to me at Big Bend when you are done.

Our seven-mile stretch is divided into the following five segments. Your round trip walk per segment is over two miles but less than three miles. Depending on the volunteer response we may also be able to cleanup campgrounds and picnic areas.

1. Crooked River National Wild and Scenic sign at milepost 12 to Stillwater
2. Stillwater to Upper Lone Pine
3. Upper Lone Pine to Chimney Rock
4. Chimney Rock to Poison Butte
5. Poison Butte to Bowman Dam

This is COF's bi-annual cleanup from Bowman Dam downstream along seven miles of the Wild and Scenic designated Crooked River. Due to COVID we haven't conducted a litter pickup since October 27, 2019. We may find more litter than usual but we are usually done before noon for your planning purposes.

Background: In 2016 COF adopted a section of the Crooked River Highway under Oregon Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program. COF is recognized on ODOT Adopt a Highway signs at mile posts 12 and 19. Our COF cleanup map is dated 1995 so COF members can be proud of performing this service perhaps even prior to 1995. Under the adoption program, ODOT provides safety vests, litter bags, litter grabbers, "litter patrol ahead" signs and they pick up the filled bags we leave along the highway shoulder.

In normal years this is a fun social gathering and COF hosts a barbeque lunch at the spring event. We usually pass around a signup sheet at Big Bend to document everyone's volunteer hours. No hosted lunch and no signup sheet this year. I will consolidate your RSVPs and into a volunteer list and forward it to the COF Volunteer Hours Recorder.

Please RSVP and any questions to pcmartin@bend-broadband.com

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EDUCATION

Tim's Tips #10: Simms Wader Repair and Care

Winter is a great time to check your waders to see if they need repairs or to give them an annual cleaning. The Simms website has lots of good info on the repair and care of their products, which applies to other brand's gear as well. This month's tip deals with why you should clean your waders (and any other

waterproof clothing you have) and how to clean them, as well as finding and repairing pinhole leaks. Check out this link: (<https://www.simmsfishing.com/discover/stories/wader-care-and-repair>) to get several excellent videos on repair and care of waders.

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Why Should I join a Fly Fishing Club?

This article below is based on an article in the Feb '21 issue of the Klamath County Fly Casters newsletter, and is used with their generous permission.

The COVID-19 impact on fly fishing clubs has been destructive at best. It is imperative that we try to keep our membership at a sustainable level, and in doing so we often have to answer many questions when talking to prospective members.

The most frequent one is “Why should I join a fly fishing club?” You can answer “Join a fly fishing club because it can offer Fly Tying Classes for both Beginners and Experts, Casting Instructions, Rod Building Classes, Fishing Outings or get-togethers to meet new people to fish with. Many clubs (such as COF) also serve as sources of volunteers for local environmental and youth education projects.

When I speak with new members of COF, many of them are relatively new to fly fishing, and an active club can help get them up on the learning curve faster. I would have really appreciated a fly fishing club near me when I started over 50 years ago – there was a LOT of trial and error in my early days!

When you join a fly fishing club here are just some of the things that you can learn.

WHERE TO FISH:

The people that are in the club will be able to help you figure out some good places to fish. This can be a big help if you are new and just learning to fly fish.

There are several things you will have to figure out or decide on, and the club resources can help you determine where to fish (like small creeks and streams or bigger rivers, lakes, and reservoirs).

FLY RODS:

Most fly fishing clubs will have some veterans of the sport that can help you decide which rod to get. The

size of the rod will depend on where you will be fishing and what you will be fishing for. You don't want to fish for panfish or small trout with an 8 or 10 weight rod. This would be like trying to use a sledgehammer to drive in finish nails in your door trim. So, knowing what type of fish you are mainly going to fish for when you start is so important.

This will make your fly fishing experience so much more enjoyable. Some fly fishing clubs (like COF) have rod building classes and you can learn how to build your own fly rods.

CASTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Fly fishing clubs often have casting classes that can teach you the proper way to cast, the many different types of casts, and when to use each one.

ENTOMOLOGY:

Most of the fish we chase are eating bugs – insects, arachnids, crustaceans, annelids, terrestrials, etc. I know these aren't all technically “bugs”, but you get the idea. You don't really need to know that a Blue Wing Olive mayfly is a Baetis, or that a worm is an annelid, but I think it helps to be able to describe them in a way that is accurate and descriptive. And, when you look up a bug online you can find exactly what you are looking for. One reason to look up a fly is to see how to tie it – which leads us to:

FLY TYING CLASSES:

Our club has a great many very talented fly tyers. And they are more than happy to help new tyers learn and gain skills. There is a group that meets weekly for the purpose of sharing and enhancing the various skills that make fly tying more than a skill – it becomes an art. If you have an interest in learning to tie flies, this alone is a good reason to join the club.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Our club has monthly meetings where everyone can gather (after COVID!) and share stories about their successes and experiences. These meetings can be a great stress relief for many people that still have to work. This is where the members can also plan the outings and where they are going to be held. It is a great social gathering.

A highlight of the Monthly Meeting is the Guest Speaker that will impart information about fishing techniques and/or fishing locations. Usually there are great slide presentations that accompany these presentations.

We also announce the trash pickup and conservation projects and where they will occur and the time and date. This is a very big concern of the club because of our declining fisheries and natural resources. COF has been recognized for its conservation and watershed restoration efforts in the past.

CLUB FISHING OUTINGS:

Most fly fishing clubs, depending on their location have several outings every year. Some of the outings are overnight ones where they camp as well as fish but most are just day trips.

Outings provide for social bonding of members and also opportunities to learn from more experienced anglers. And it is a way to discover locations to fish and how to fish them. The core purpose of a Fly Fishing Club should be to fish. Outings add to the benefit of club membership and are extremely important to membership growth and health.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND YOUTH EDUCATION PROJECTS:

COF is involved in many activities that support stream cleanup, ODFW fisheries related projects, fly fishing related charitable donations, and youth education. All of these activities help our local community, and it's a great way to "give back". It's also a source of personal satisfaction for me - there's nothing quite like the look on a 4th grader's face when you come to their classroom to teach them about fishing, it really makes their day!

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Fishing to Spawning Fish, or Fishing during the Spawn?

Ever fish for Steelhead? You were fishing during the spawn. Ever try to get a fish to bite while it was sitting on a redd? You were fishing to a spawning fish. [This article from Hatch magazine gives](#) us a primer on the (sometimes) subtle differences and the timing and behavior of spawning trout and char. Well worth the read!

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CONSERVATION

Crooked River Flows & Management

The following article was submitted by longtime COF member Yancy Lind, and gives us some insights and history of the Crooked River flow situation. I encourage all of our members to submit articles that deal with anything fly fishing related in our area.

At last month's COF meeting a question was asked about fishing the Crooked River in the winter during low flows which made me think it was time for another brief review of how Bowman Dam and the Crooked River are managed. You can learn a lot more about this topic, and other local water and fish issues, on my blog: www.coinformedangler.org.

In operation since 1961, Bowman Dam was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation and is operated by the Ochoco Irrigation District. Prineville Reservoir is created by Bowman Dam and is one of the few reservoirs in the West built by the Corps & BoR where 100% of the water is not "contracted", meaning allocated to uses like irrigation. Approximately half of the water at full pool is "uncontracted". Nevertheless, the only legal release for water from Prineville Reservoir was for purposes of irrigation and flood control, it was illegal to release more than 10 CFS for downstream fish and wildlife and even that 10 CFS could be held back for irrigation if needed.

Previously, the uncontracted water was allocated according to a technically illegal "gentlemen's agreement" between OID and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife where allocations to OID and releases to benefit fish were equally reduced in low water years. After being approached by OID, however, in 2012 then congressman Greg Walden sponsored a bill that would give OID all their contracted allocation, regardless of the amount remaining for fish. That bill passed the US House of Representatives but did not pass the Senate after many conservation and fishing groups, including COF, made our objections known to Senator Merkley.

After two years of negotiations, the "Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act" was passed on the last day of 2014. It gave the irrigators the "water security" they requested for their contracted water, but also directed that the uncontracted water

(aka, the “fish water”) would be stored and released for the maximum biological benefit of downstream fish and wildlife, with a target of a minimum of 80 CFS through the winter.

Unfortunately, the Act has yet to be implemented to meet the spirit of the negotiations or terms in the final Act. That’s another story (see my blog for more), but the recently completed Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan also covers the Crooked River. While the Act directs that the fish water be stored and released for fish, in low water years there may not be enough to meet their minimum biological needs. As part of the HCP, however, BoR and OID have agreed to release approximately 50 CFS during the non-irrigation season (winter), including some of OID’s contracted water if there is not enough fish water.

Given recent and projected weather conditions, 50 CFS is about all we can reasonably expect to see in the Crooked River for the foreseeable future. Note that winter releases could be higher in wet years, especially if the reservoir is in danger of overflowing.

The Act remains controversial and was the source of serious disagreement among COF members. Many believed that the gentleman’s agreement should have been codified in the Act. This was unacceptable to OID and the City of Prineville, however, and as a minor participant in the negotiations I believe that the Act was the best that we could accomplish given the political environment at the time. How you feel about fishing the river at 50 CFS is a personal call.

- YANCY LIND

What is 6PPD and how does it affect Salmon?

Scientists have discovered that a chemical (6PPD) added to tires to keep them from breaking down too quickly is causing reduction in Coho Salmon in West Coast streams. When 6PPD hits the road it reacts to ozone gas, the chemical transforms into multiple new chemicals, including a compound known as 6PPD-quinone. These new chemicals are washed into the adjacent streams in urban environments on the West Coast. An article describing this effect on Coho Salmon can be found at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-03/coho-salmon-tire-chemical> and <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/7333907-Tian-Et-Al-SCI-2020.html>

These articles were published in December of 2020. Urban West Coast streams were analyzed and found to contain toxic concentrations of this chemical. This may be an additional gift the year 2020 has provided the survivors of Covid 19. This chemical is now considered one of the causes of salmon reduction in urban environments on the West Coast.

The study found that used tires were four times more toxic to rainbow trout relative to new tires. I saw on a press release that the city of Bend is now considering overlaying streets with asphalt made of ground up tires. Has the city considered the new paving material as a source of 6PPD contaminate to the local streams? Does embedding the old tires in an asphalt matrix reduce the movement of the chemical into the local streams? These are issues that should be addressed at this time.

Once Coho are exposed to 6PPD-quinone they begin to breathe erratically – almost like they are gasping for air. They lose equilibrium and start spiraling in circles, unable to stay upright in the water. Eventually they drop to the bottom, where they stop moving and die.

I have grown accustomed to my rubber tires on my hybrid car. Eliminating all rubber tires would take us back to the stone age where Fred Flintstone motored about on his stone tires and hunted for dinosaurs in his wooden car. I do not think this would be a good public policy.

The goal is to now come up with a “green” design for tires that is safe for both humans and animals. As concerned citizens we can look for new tires with less impact on the local fisheries, and support the new designs when they arrive. A review of crumb rubber overlays of city streets with respect to movement of 6PPD would seem to be appropriate at this time also.

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

We are looking forward to our March Wild Women Zoom Gathering with Sascha Clark Danylchuk, Executive Director of Keep Fish Wet, March 24th. As a fisheries scientist Sascha has focused most of her work on recreational angling, specifically the science of catch-and-release. She has also worked for a handful of conservation and education nonprofits.

It is the intersection between her work as a scientist and her passion as an angler that led Sascha to Keep Fish Wet. With a belief that recreational anglers have something to learn from fisheries scientists and that scientists need to make their work accessible to a wider audience, Sascha endeavors to develop a space in which everyone can communicate more directly and in a language that can be understood by all.

Hope to see you in the virtual world at the next Wild Women zoom gathering.

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BOARD BITS

(A REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING, 2/25/2021)

Should the COF BOD continue their meetings at the Environmental Center in the future? Pros and cons were discussed. Corol Ann and Danny will check into local restaurant meeting rooms.

This is the last call for Board Book submissions. Please send them to Kari & Tim. An updated version will always be on the website. Archived versions will reside with the secretary. The secretary will be the lead in maintaining the Board Book. Thanks to Bill Raleigh for all his past work on the Board Book!

Tim brought up the importance of mentoring someone in our board positions...especially webmaster and treasurer. If those people were to have to leave abruptly, the BOD might be in a sticky situation. All COF members are invited to BOD meetings which are always open to them.

Congratulations to Sue Coyle. She is the new FFI Connect liaison for the Oregon council. She will connect with women in other Oregon flyfishing clubs.

The Sportsman's Show will be held in March. There will be no Youth Fishing Pond this year. We hope to pick it up again next year. The Covid vaccine center at the fairgrounds will have to close down during the show.

Fred is a member of CCA – Coastal Conservation Association. They are holding a virtual auction this year. Fred will report on how it went and how it might work for COF.

Membership – Bob – 265 members...164 renewals, which is ahead of last year.

Programs – Tim (for Art) – Art will be leaving his position after this year. He has programs booked for 2021, but we should get started on 2022. Art would like to mentor someone now. Any volunteers in the club?

Outings – Upcoming trips - March-Owyhee River; April-Twin Lakes; May-East Lake, WA state trip, Crane Prairie, Hosmer Lake, John Day River. Oregon coast rivers? How about Chickahominy or Krumbo reservoirs? Eric will consider sending out a survey.

Wild Women of the Water – Sue – Liz's bug presentation went very well this last month. Thank you to Liz! We're looking forward to next month's presentation.

Next Cast – Fred – he is putting out feelers for new youth members.

Conservation – Tom – March 4 is the Groundwater meeting. Tom will attend.

Kokanee Karnival – Frank – He has booked the 2022 KK dates with the Bend Parks & Recreation. We will eventually be designated as a partner with the Bend/LaPine school district which will save us parks fees. ODFW will hold online training for angler ed certification. Interested volunteers should contact Frank. Certified volunteers can lead youth sessions. Non-certified volunteers can assist with sessions. A decision about Fall KK sessions will be made in July.

Webmaster – Mary – She has always updated the website on the 1st of each month. This will change to the 7th of each month because that is when the newsletter now comes out. The webmaster is not in the Board Book. Mary will write an entry.

Fly Patterns – There is a new section in the website members' area, entitled "Fly Patterns". There are around 35 patterns for members to access. It includes patterns, videos, resources and techniques. John always gets permission, so there will be no copyright problems. Thank you to John for all the hours he spent on this!

- KARI SCHOESSLER

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OTHER NEW

COF Volunteerism

One might think that because COVID-19 cancelled all our 2020 COF events, very few volunteer hours would be reported. Yet 27 COF volunteers, predominantly Board members, did report 1,915 hours and 1,487 miles travel to support our club. Now we know how much it takes to keep this club running, even without any events. Please take time to thank them for all they do. Their names are listed on page 2 of the newsletter. Even better, you might consider volunteering for the board. It takes time, but is well worth the effort. For new members, there's no better way to contribute to the club, learn more about it and connect to possible fishing buddies.

If we're lucky, we may have some events later this year. Please consider volunteering to help staff or lead some. All the events are fun and volunteers are what make them so successful.

Volunteer records can be very important when we apply for grants to maintain or improve programs like Kokanee Karnival. Such records provide a solid measure of performance that donors consider when awarding grants, so these numbers have real impact. We cite these numbers in our annual club request to donors for items to be raffled at our annual COF Banquet – the items you can win with a successful bid. The COF Annual Banquet is our largest fundraiser (Note: COVID-19 cancelled the banquet last year and likely will this year too).

We also use these records to award a prize to every member who volunteers 30 hours or more in a year. I need your help to capture all our volunteer data. Many new members volunteer, so keep up the good work. Here are some past year's results:

Year	Hours	Miles	# of Volunteers
2015	6,164	32,071	140
2016	4,484	28,502	134
2017	4,891	29,998	137
2018	4,065	29,942	157
2019	4,063	21,567	120
2020	1,903	1,487	27

When there's a volunteer sign-in sheet at an event, just sign in and enter your hours (including travel time)

and round-trip mileage. The event coordinators send the sign-in sheets to me for recording. If you're an event coordinator, don't forget to submit your preparation time and any extra mileage supporting the event.

If there's no sign-in sheet, or if you forget to sign-in at a volunteer event, please email the following information to me at fishingfool.olson@gmail.com : Your Name, Event Name, Event Date, Hours and Miles traveled (round trip). Or give me a note at the monthly meeting, or call me at 541-420-1325.

Thank you again. Your efforts really do make a difference.

- DICK OLSON

A Bid Farewell

Well folks, life takes another turn for us. Our immediate family is moving to Norman, OK, just outside Oklahoma City, and Patty and I have decided to follow along, settling near, but not too near, to them. We will be driving to OK in March on a house hunt and expect to move soon thereafter. Our home is sold contingent on the buyers selling theirs, which doesn't appear to be a problem. I want to thank you for your friendship, memories, and great fishing tales. There seems to be at least 3 FFI clubs in Oklahoma which I shall research. I know there is some trout fishing there but scads of Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Catfish, Walleye, Sauger, Striper and other species to target with fly gear or otherwise. I will be concentrating on getting my 8 year old grandson outfitted and enthused in all the outdoor activities available. In the meantime may you keep your tip up and your lines tight.

- CHARLIE SCHILLINSKY

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Allison Barnard - Bend

Ann Captain - Terrebonne

Carolyn Rochelle Burke - Sisters

Davis Corbett - Boulder, CO

Steven Dixon - Sisters

Emilio Chaviano - Bend

Jack Elliott - Prineville

Robert Gentry - Redmond

James Johnson - Bend

Christine Mellon - Bend

Jennifer Olson - Bend

Doug Pendleton - Sisters

Dean Robb - Bend

Drew Robb - Bend

Verena Steffen - Bend

Nicole Wolf - Bend

As of February 25, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 265 which comprise Individual 122, Family 94, Out of Area Individual 22, Out of Area Family 5, Honorary Life Members 15 and Youth/Next Cast 4. Since November 17, 2020 we have had 164 membership renewals.

- ROBERT SHIMANE
MEMBERSHIP@COFLYFISHERS.ORG

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

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL
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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 bigger*). Have been used less than ½ a dozen times and are in great shape! His and her Christmas gifts perhaps?! \$450 OBO. **Please contact Chris Cooper, ccoopergolfer@gmail.com, phone number 541-350-1631.**



FOR SALE: License plate fish. License plates are mounted on 3/4 inch plywood. They measure 42 in long. They can be made looking left or looking right. I can make fish with all Oregon plates, all Washington plates or a mix of plates. If you have a special request let me know. The price is \$199 with \$50 of that going as a donation to the club. **Please contact Lee Ann Ross by email, rossleeann@yahoo.com**

MEMBERS: Got a "fishy item," (broadly defined - be reasonable), 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. Photos are useful.

- CLASSIFIEDS@COFLYFISHERS.ORG



FILM CRITIC CALLIBAETIS

This fly style was developed by Bob Quigley and with appropriate color alterations is very effective across the range of mayflies. I have found this fly to be very effective during hatches and it works well on East Lake especially in the evening.

To fish this style of fly add floatant to just the hackle and thorax area. The rear/abdomen will penetrate the film imitating a mayfly struggling to hatch or perhaps a cripple. It may look like an easy meal to the fish or possibly be visible from a greater distance due to the abdomen below the film. Tied as below, the fly is very durable and floats very well.

Materials

Hook: Daiichi 1160 sizes 16-18

Thread: Rusty Dun Uni Thread 8/0

Tail: Shuck, Tan, Natures Spirit Emerger yarn, tan/pearl uv krystal flash

Body: Rusty Dun thread

Thorax: Natures Spirit Emergence, Callibaetis

Post: Rusty Dun Thread, tan EP Trigger Point

Hackle: Medium Gray Dun or Grizzly

Tying Instructions

1. Start the thread on the shank just above the hook point and wrap up the shank to the point where the shank flattens out.
2. Tie in the emerger yarn and a few strands of the UV Krystal flash and wrap back down to the bend of the hook. Tie in about 6 Coq de Leon fibers over the shuck and wrap back up the shank to the tie in point.
3. Wrap the thread back up the shank to the starting point of the body. Tie in a two inch piece of EP Trigger Point fiber (about the width of the hook gap) leaving about 1/8 inch towards the rear. Wrap the thread to a point just behind the eye of the hook and return to the where the body starts.
4. I use four loops of thread to make the post. Refer to the YouTube video for a visual. Tie in a feather (I use a feather the same size as the hook) and wrap it up the post and back down. Measure the amount of hackle needed by tipping the post towards the eye. The wrapped hackle needs to reach just behind eye when the post is tipped forward. Tie off by wrapping the thread around the post.
5. Dub the thorax with Natures Spirit Emergence.
6. Pull the post and hackle over the thorax and secure with a few loose wraps. Pull the thread loops forward to tighten the hackle against the thorax. Lift the post and wrap some thread in front to make it stand up. Trim the post even with the top of the hackle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2vVjxWQQq8>

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MARCH 2021 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
March 17	COF General Members' ZOOM Meeting @ 7:00	
March 23-26	Owyhee River outing	LeeAnn, rossleeann@yahoo.com
March 24	WWW: Sascha Clark Danylchuk, Founder of Keep Them Wet, will share the importance of how you handle fish. Also, how to keep your equipment ready for fishing season.	Sue Coyle

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
April 10	Crooked River Cleanup	Pete, pcmartin@bendbroadband.com
May 2-6	Wa Eastside Lakes(Ephrata) Outing with Washington State Clark Skamania Flyfishers	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com



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