Random Casts

The Central Oregon Flyfishers will celebrate its 25th anniversary and the 10th for Kokanee Karnival at the Club’s annual banquet. I know Earl Rettig and his crew will do a great job. I will not make it this year because several of us will be in Los Roques, Venezuela bone fishing. More on this experience later.

The Fly Tying Exo was a great success. A big thank you to G.I. Joe’s who sponsored the event. The expert tyers from the fly shops and our own members were kept busy answering questions and discussing fly fishing. We even gained our youngest member, age 10, who is excited about flyfishing. Thanks to every one.

The Kokanee Karnival’s eggs to fry event was completed when a group of COF members took eggs to the various grade schools where they will be raised and released as fry. We have provided aquariums to 26 classes.

Other volunteer opportunities are coming up. The Kid’s Fishing Pond at the Sportsman’s Show is still looking for assistance, and the Kokanee Karnival Angling Clinic Experience is always a lot of fun. Redd counts are a great way to thoroughly get to know a stream. There is nothing like knowing where the fish hang out.

Don’t be bashful and wait to be asked. Contact one of the event leaders and get involved. It is fun, and you will meet some great people who share your interest in fly fishing.

Don’t forget that we move into new quarters at the Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, starting with the March 16 general meeting. – Dave Dunahay

March Program

March’s program will be in two parts. The first half will be presented by Rayna Nordstrom, an elementary school teacher in the area, and a few of her students. The kids will be showing some slides of last year's Kokanee Karnival, and they will explain what KK means to them. Rayna and some of her kids did this for us last year, and they were great. If you missed it then, you owe it to yourself to come and see the 'true meaning of KK'.

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The second half of the program will be a question and answer session between a few veteran members and those who have questions about equipment. Some new members have asked for some help in picking out new fishing gear. So, if you're new to the area or just looking to expand that fishing closet, be prepared to ask questions like: What weight rod do I need for the Deschutes River, Crooked River, lakes in B.C., bonefishing, or steelheading? Do you like a fast or a moderate action rod? How much do you need to spend on a reel for a 3 weight rod? Do you need spikes on your wading shoes? Are Gortex waders really worth the cost? Do I need a wading staff? etc. etc.

Hey, we all want/need more stuff. You might as well get some good advice. - Dave Semich

March on the Metolius

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Bring a seven or eight weight with a floating line (a steelhead rig is perfect) if you want to try bull trout. Bring a five or even six weight to toss some heavy nymphs for the rainbow trout. The new super strong tippet works great because you never know when you might connect to a bull trout while nymphing for rainbows! And don’t forget to bring your lunch!

Be sure to bring waders (no hip boots here!) and a wading staff. Come equipped for both nymph fishing and dry flies, but remember that nymphing in this fast water requires weight. Since this is fly fishing only water, you cannot add lead split shot to your leader, hook or line (see the regulations). You need some nymphs that are selected more for weight than fish catching ability as your point fly, and small nymphs such as blue wing olive size pheasant tails (18, 20) and a green drake nymph or two as your dropper fly. An October Caddis tied with a tungsten bead makes a great, fast sinking fly that actually catches fish! Tie some with various size beads and you can cover a lot of swift water conditions.

Some of us will be sacrificing our time as the outing nears to give you current reports on the fishing situation. If you want to help us pre-fish the outing, come on out and then send me a fishing report.

On Saturday, March 19th at 9:00AM, meet at the Allen Springs Campground on the Metolius, just downstream of the fish hatchery (look for the COF banner). Be sure you have a 2005 license and review the regulations! – Carl Sanders

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Feeding the Bulls
Or
A Fish Story Full of Bull

It was a Friday, February 18 to be exact, when Dave Dunahay and I decided to take a little trip to the Metolius. It was a chilly but sunny day, not too good for a winter hatch, but, hey, you go fishing when you can, not just when conditions are perfect. We had heard that the fishing had been pretty good at the Allingham Bridge, so that was our first stop.

We could see quite a few trout and bull trout below the bridge as the sun came onto the water. Dave stepped right into the hole and came up with a trout right off. After that, however, he was into the small whitefish, but with an added twist. Every time he hooked a whitefish, a school of two or three big bull trout appeared right behind the whitefish as soon as it splashed the water. Sometimes the bull would release the whitefish when he felt the resistance of the line, sometimes he ate the whitefish whole and Dave’s small fly came unpinned. Finally, he hooked a whitefish on a large stonefly and when the bull trout ate it, Dave actually hooked up to the bull trout for a fine run until he broke him off near a log.

Later, we moved down to the hatchery area. There was a sparse but steady hatch of blue winged olives below the Dolly Hole, but the rises were sporadic. I finally managed to land a small (15”) bull trout that took my dry fly, and had one other rise to my fly. Dave’s only success was to pick a wild looking pink fly out of a tree that looked like the owner must have lost it on his first cast.

On the way home, we took another shot at Allingham, and I tried the hole with the same success. I actually hooked a whitefish that parked himself by my boot to stay away from the bull trout, and he wouldn’t budge! We also ran into John Judy and had some profound fishing discussions. If your buddy is fighting a whitefish trailed by several bull trout, and you swing a big streamer on your eight weight through the hole, is that chumming?

Oh well, see you on the Metolius, March 19th. – Harry Harbin

Fly of the Month
“Carl’s Bull Trout Streamer”

This month’s outing is on the Metolius River during a time of the year when the redbands should be concentrating on BWO’s, midges, and caddis. However, this time of the year also provides us with some bull trout possibilities. Bull trout are aggressive when they are feeding, and mighty stubborn when they are not. They love to dine on whitefish. Large streamer patterns seem to work best at tempting their palette. When feeding, a stripped flashy light colored streamer can account for some startling strikes. When the fish are not very active, a large streamer with a lot of motion, dead drifted through the lie can coax a strike. There are a lot of patterns locally for the bulls on the Metolius, but the fish don’t seem to be particularly finicky about the pattern as much as the presentation. Hook sizes from 2/0 to #6 seem to be most popular. Although bull trout populations on the Metolius are fairly healthy, elsewhere they are in dire straits. I like to keep my patterns in the #2 - #6 size range as a little bit of damage control.

Hook: #4 7x long streamer hook
Thread: black
Underbody: lead or lead substitute wraps
Tail: grizzly saddle hackle tips
Body: crosscut rabbit, natural
Thorax aft: flashabou, spun to resemble soft hackle
Thorax fore: long fiber dubbing with some flash
Hackle aft: grizzly
Hackle fore: mallard flank dun

Start by covering ¾ of the shaft with lead wraps, leaving equal space at the rear and behind the eye. Tie in two grizzly saddle hackle tips about twice the length of your rabbit hair fibers. Face the concave sides in. Tie in the crosscut rabbit at the rear of the hook shank, and wrap forward to cover all the lead. I like to overlap each wrap a bit. Tie in a small amount of flashabou and work it around the hook shank until it encircles the body of the
fly. Pull it back and tie it down. Trim to body length. Tie in a grizzly hackle feather, then a small amount of lengthy fiber dubbing. I like to have some green or red flash mixed in with the dubbing. Wrap the grizzly hackle forward through the dubbing - only a couple of turns is needed. Tie in the mallard flank soft hackle style and finish. The grizzly hackle supports the mallard fibers, giving it a bit of bulk and a lot of springy motion.

Wild Women of the Water

Wild Women of the Water will be busy with several activities in the next few months:
- Feb 23 - Potluck and fly identification
- March 3-6, Sportsmen’s Show – Wild Women have volunteered to help at the COF booth.
- March 21 - Meet at Numb Butt Fly Company for a presentation on fishing high desert lakes.
- April - Outing on the Metolius with John Judy.
- June 4 & 5 – Ladies Flyfishing School, beginning and intermediate

For more details about any of the above activities, contact Delores (ladyd@bendcable.com or 382-7595).

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.

Weston Cowell  Jennifer Yager
Bill Valentine  Kendra and Ed West
Jerry Criss  Fred and Pat Boyle
Curtis Drahn

Kid’s Fish Pond Volunteers Needed!

Earn A Free Pass!

The Sportsman’s Show is fast approaching and a few volunteers are still needed for the Kid’s Fishing Pond. Along with the fishing pond, COF has committed to join with the American Fly Fishing Tackle Association (AFFTA) in manning a "Discover Fly Fishing" booth. We will be promoting and selling COF and FFF memberships in addition to the money To-Ro Enterprises donates to COF for operating the pond, and the free passes we get for volunteering. Last year we received $1200, all of which went to Kokanee Karnival.

Give Keith Davis a call at 322-6980 or e-mail him at kmdavis@coinet.com. We still need volunteers for Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Here is the schedule:

Saturday, March 5:  12:30-4:30 pm or 4-8, 4 per shift + 1 for the booth
Sunday, March 6:  9:30 am -1:30 pm or 1-5 pm, 3 per shift + 1 for the booth

Plan ahead and figure on doing the show before or after your shift. It can be a lot of fun watching the kids catch fish on a short stick and fly.

You Need This Class!

Single Hand Spey Casting Class

Contrary to popular opinion, the time to take a fly fishing class is in the early spring to prepare you for the season, and leave the prime fishing months for fishing! Are you frustrated on the Metolius because there never seems to be a place to make a back cast and it is impossible to roll cast heavy nymphs with distance and accuracy? Do you fish the salmonfly hatch in the middle of a barren bank so you can cast while all the fish are eating salmonflies as they fall in under the trees? How about a casting class that would show you how to cast a fly with your regular rod without using a back cast simply by placing the fly at the right spot before roll casting? You Need This Class!

This is not a class about complex techniques and exotic, long rods. This is about simple techniques with your regular rod that will enable you to make casts that you would never before attempt.

Central Oregon Flyfishing member John Judy is writing a book about this cutting edge subject, and will teach you how to use these one handed spey techniques during a full day class on the Crooked River. Here is the scoop:

Class:        Spey Casting with small rods for trout
Class level:  A knowledge of basic casts is preferred (no complete novices)
Date/Time:    Friday, March 25, 2005 between 9 AM and 3 PM.
Location:    At a site, to be determined on the Crooked River
Content:      Learn basic Spey casts and how to use them to fish difficult situations and places where back casts are limited.
Cost:         $25.00, to be paid when you enroll in the class.
Class size:   Maximum 8 members.
Equipment: Trout rods you would normally use for small river trout (1 to 5 weight rods), double taper preferred, but you may use a weight forward floating line. You should bring your own lunch, sunglasses, warm clothing, tippet material and flies.

Enrollment: Call Steve Iverson at 548-4788 or send your email to: lounsteve@msn.com. You will be officially enrolled when we receive payment.

The Crooked River Macroinvertebrate Project

(Editor's Note: The following article by John Anderson rather modestly describes a major scientific study undertaken by John assisted by COF volunteers that will provide high quality microinvertebrate (that’s insect for you fly fishermen) data for the Crooked River below the Bowman Dam. To my knowledge, this data does not exist in any form for this river reach that is so important to Central Oregon fly fishermen. This section of the river has been well documented by ODFW as an extremely productive stretch of water in terms of fish production, but the breakdown of the macroinvertebrate population has been totally unknown.

Folks, this is not a little tree planting on a Saturday afternoon, but a major effort with volunteers tending sampling nets in the middle of the river at midnight in mid-winter! I have to believe that few if any fly fishing clubs have ever directly conducted such a thorough scientific study, and I think John and his crew of volunteers deserve a tremendous vote of thanks from COF members. Look John up at the next meeting and thank him!)

The Crooked River Macroinvertebrate Project is an on-going scientific study designed and supervised by John R. Anderson (retired Professor of Entomology) and conducted with field and laboratory assistance from many COF volunteers. The project has been supported by grant funds and donations of supplies from the Central Oregon Flyfishers, the Oregon Chapter of FFF, Oregon State University, the BLM (Prineville), and the USFS (Bend).

Volunteers Prepare to Set Drift Nets

Volunteers Using Hess Sampler

The primary objective of the project is to better understand seasonal changes in the diversity and density of macroinvertebrate populations and their value as food for trout and whitefish. To accomplish this objective, volunteers each month assess the natural macroinvertebrate drift by using drift nets set at two different sites on the river. At both sites, volunteers also use a Hess quantitative bottom sampler to determine and compare the diversity and density of the populations developing here with that of the macroinvertebrates found in the natural drift. Each month, we also determine the stomach contents of fish caught at each study site (for comparison with drift and bottom samples).

The project began with a test run of the drift nets in January 2004 and, because of an early spring flood event, it is projected to continue through April or May 2005. Thus far, 27 COF members have volunteered 1539 hours to assist with river sampling, and three members with microscopes have spent some 1300 laboratory hours sorting and identifying collected specimens. New (and old) members of COF who wish to learn more about this project, and who would like to participate during 2005, should contact John Anderson to receive notices of the sampling dates for each of the next several months. Participation provides an opportunity for gaining some on-site knowledge of macroinvertebrates, to interact with other COF members,
and to become familiar with fishing two different reaches of the river.

Hess Sampler with Macroinvertebrates in Container at Terminal End of Sampling Net

Calling All Fly Tiers
Wild Women Need Help!

When Wild Women need help, who could turn them down! The Wild Women of the Water will hold a fly fishing school for women on June 4 and 5, 2005. Each participant will receive 6 flies for the Crooked River. If you could tie a few flies that we can give away to these ladies, it would be a tremendous help. Here are the flies that we need:

- Gold Bead Flashback PT, #16
- Gold Bead Gold-Ribbed Hare’s Ear, #16
- Suspended Midge Pupa, #16
- Elk Hair Caddis, brown body, #16
- Griffith’s Gnat, #18
- Orange Scud, #14

We will need about 240 flies total, but don’t let the number scare you. You can tie as many as or as few as you think you can manage. Before you start tying, please contact Delores ladyd@bendcable.com or 382-7595

COF Adopts I PASS Pledge

Seeing fish spawning in the wild is the pay off for the catch and release so many of us have practiced over the years. That is why there is concern over a growing trend among some fishermen to specifically target these fish.

The temptation to target spawners is understandable. These fish are defensive of their nest sites; they are concentrated, easy to locate and easy to hook. Fishing for them will almost certainly bring good results with larger fish.

Unfortunately, as with most thing that are too easy, there is a down side. Spawning fish are weakened and in poor condition; if they are pestered enough the spawn may be interrupted and only partially completed. On top of that, wading through the nest site to get to the spawning fish causes mortality of eggs and young fry still sheltered in the gravel. This is why the I PASS pledge was created.

COF has adopted the I PASS Pledge created by John Judy, fisherman, guide, author and COF member. IPASS is a simple acronym meaning I Pledge to Avoid Spawning Sites. John said “I PASS was created by a simple angler in the hope of doing something good for our fishing resources.” To take the pledge, you must follow three simple steps: First, learn to identify spawning areas by looking for these signs; 1. Light colored circular patches in the gravel indicating recent disturbance. 2. Small depressions and mounds in the gravel indicating nest sites and eggs. 3. Large numbers of fish concentrated in shallow water over fine gravel bottom. 4. Fish that hug a site and refuse to move off even after disturbance. 5. Fish that are dark and soft and are in somewhat poor condition.

Second, if you think you are in an area of spawning fish, you must be willing to pass up the temptation to fish and simply move away.

Third, spread the word by passing the pledge on to friends and fellow fisherman.

If you do these three things, and you take the I PASS pledge, the fish, the river and future generations of anglers will all appreciate your concern.

For free materials to start your own IPASS campaign contact john@JohnJudyFlyfishing.com --Dave Dunahay and John Judy

CALL TO ARTISTS
“ARTS OF ANGLING”

Does your love of fly fishing extend beyond the equipment, techniques and fishing itself to an expression of fly fishing in art? Among our 200 plus member families, I am sure there are many fly fishing artistists just waiting for the right venue. Amy Royce, the Director of Mirror Pond Gallery, was in attendance at the COF Fly Tying Expo this past Saturday, and sent us
the following news release about their upcoming exhibit. Maybe this is your chance for the big time!

Arts Central’s Mirror Pond Gallery is accepting entries for its June 3-26, 2005, Juried “Arts of Angling” exhibit at Mirror Pond Gallery in Bend, Oregon. Jurors are Ward Tonsfeldt of “Dolly Varden Rods and Tackle” and professional artist Susan Luckey Higdon. There are awards. Non-refundable processing fee. Deadline is Sunday, May 29, 2005. For a detailed prospectus, send a SASE to: Mirror Pond Gallery, 875 NW Brooks Street, Bend, OR 97701, or pick one up at the gallery, or go to www.artscentraloregon.org for PDF version. Email: mpg@artscentraloregon.org. Mirror Pond Gallery is a non-profit organization run by Arts Central, the regional arts council of Central Oregon. For More Information Contact: Amy Royce, Director, Mirror Pond Gallery 541 / 317-9324

Volunteers Needed!
Blitzen Restoration Planting Project

Last month’s newsletter had an extensive discussion of the Blitzen Restoration Planting Project and the need for volunteers for this wonderful project. COF already has a number of volunteers signed up so you won’t be all alone. See last month’s newsletter on the website for all the info!

Who: Malheur Wildlife Associates, ODFW-STEP Volunteers and other volunteers, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
What: Blitzen Restoration Tree/Shrub Planting Project
When: March 10 – 15, 2005
Where: Along lower Blitzen River on north end of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

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Trout Eggs Delivered to Local Schools!

Below freezing temperatures didn’t stop hardy volunteers from gathering in the ODFW parking lot on the morning of February 15. It was egg delivery day for the Fish Eggs to Fry classroom project! Volunteers were prepared to deliver eggs to 24 classrooms in the tri-county area.

This batch of eggs required extra careful handling because the eggs had accumulated fewer temperature units (TUs) than usual. (A TU is one degree Fahrenheit over 32 degrees for 24 hours.) Students can monitor egg development and predict the approximate hatch date by calculating TUs. Rainbow trout eggs generally hatch when they accumulate 600 – 650 TUs. These eggs had accumulated 240 TUs. Usually, the eggs supplied by the hatchery have accumulated about 350 TUs when we deliver them.

I want to thank the following volunteers who helped with this egg delivery: Elly Styskal drove to Oak Springs Hatchery and picked up the eggs, Jerry Honl arranged an “egg shuttle” from Prineville to Paulina, Mary and Larry Thornburgh delivered eggs to five schools in Redmond plus Terrebonne! Larry Godfrey, Emil Seidel, Capt. Caddis, Bob and

Angler Education and Angling Clinic Experience

During the spring and before the school year ends, Kokanee Karnival focuses on Angler Education for students and the Angling Clinic Experience. Listed below are a few important dates to remember:

March 16 - COF General Meeting - Once again, Rayna Nordstrom, a participating teacher from John Tuck Elementary in Redmond, and some of her students will visit. Rayna is an award-winning teacher who uses the Kokanee Karnival program as the focus of her science curriculum throughout the year. She will discuss why Angler Education and the Angling Clinic Experience are a significant part of her classroom program.

March 26 - Angler Education Instructor Training-For the Angler Education classroom project, Certified Instructors visit classrooms and conduct angler education training for students. This
training session is your opportunity to become a Certified Angler Education Instructor! It’s easy, it’s educational, it’s great fun, it’s free, and it’s one way to make a difference for local children. The training will take place at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park on Saturday, March 26 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch and beverages will be served. Contact Bob Mullong (aka Capt. Caddis) at 389-4372.

Month of April - Classroom Angler Education- Certified Angler Education instructors visit classrooms and conduct two-hour sessions that teach children about angling regulations, catch and possession limits, water safety, and special regulations. The volunteer may also cover fish identification, knot tying, fishing dilemmas and map reading skills. This session helps prepare students for the Angling Clinic Experience.

April 26-29 - Angling Clinic Experience-This field trip, which is held at Aspen Hall and Shevlin Pond, includes eight classrooms over a four day period. Students learn about fish biology, casting, water safety, knot tying, and fishing tackle and methods. After a BBQ hot dog lunch, which is provided for everyone and served by Sunriver Anglers, students spend the afternoon fishing in Shevlin Pond (stocked with fish donated by ODFW). Many of the children will be fishing for the first time, and it’s great to watch them catch their first fish.

Volunteer - All of the above activities are an essential part of Kokanee Karnival, and each activity offers opportunities for volunteers to step up and help out, learn something (a lot), and have loads of fun. We need volunteers for all activities. Look for the sign-up sheets at the March 16 COF meeting. Our most critical need is for fishing coaches on the afternoon of each Angling Clinic day. During this one to two-hour time commitment, you will supervise four or five 9 and 10-year old students while they fish. Priorities are to help them have fun, be safe, and catch fish!

Fish Stocking with Llamas

Don’t miss this opportunity! Mark your calendars now for the second Saturday in July, the 9th, to bring your families, lunches, and helpful hands to help stock fish out of the Six Lakes Trailhead. There are several ways to help…Load fish at the trailhead, lead a llama up the trail, or help release the fish at lakeside. Hiking options include a three mile round trip and a five mile round trip, both of which are easy hiking. Just in case you are wondering, the llamas will be carrying fish only! If you are interested in signing up, or need more information, please contact Jeri Welbourn at 388-4687. This activity is sponsored by the Central Oregon Llama Association which is a producing partner of the Kokanee Karnival. Jeri also wants to thank all of you who have participated in this project in the past, and hopes to see you again.

Thank You COF Members!

Cash donations from COF members for Kokanee Karnival are important for two reasons, (1) The 2005 operating budget totals $24,250, so cash donations are critical to the success of the program, (2) These donations provide matching funds that are required for foundation and government agency grants.

Listed below are the COF members who made cash donations during 2004 whose consideration and generosity are sincerely appreciated.

Andy Sandwich  Mark Reisinger
Patty Bowers    Jeffrey Behrens
Craig Poulton   Philip Mickel
Neal Buxton     Michael Redhead
Frank Gorham    Mark Hagenbaugh
Herb Blank      Frederick Wade
Harry Harbin    Dalton Miller-Jones
Bob Griffin     Dick Mayer
Phillip Ogburn  Christian Zobel
Dave Dunahay    Thomas Foster
Daniel Re       John T. Anderson
Daniel Wagster  Jim Lough
Kenneth Arthur  David Delaney
Don Johnston    John Bancroft
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How do you want to receive the COF monthly newsletter? E-mail saves big $$ (Check one.)     ______Email       ______US Postal Service

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

     ____Acquire more knowledge       ____Find fishing partner       ____Volunteer for projects       ____Improve technique       ____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
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DUES SCHEDULE

Memberships are renewable on January 1 of each year. New members joining prior to June 1 shall pay a full year’s dues of $36. New members joining after June 1 shall pay a prorated amount according to the chart below. New members who reside outside Deschutes County shall pay $12.

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RETURN THIS FORM Mail or deliver this form and your check payable to The Central Oregon Flyfishers to the membership chairman. Forms unaccompanied by dues payment or that lack signature, name, or date on the liability release statement are considered invalid and will be returned to sender.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers
Membership Chairman
PO Box 1126
Bend, OR 97709
### UPSTREAM EVENTS – 2005

#### March:
- 3: COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
- 3-6: Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show, Kid’s Fishing Pond, Keith Davis
- 10-15: Blitzen River Restoration Planting Project
- 19: Outing, Metolius River, Harry Harbin and John Judy
- 21: Wild Women of the Water at Numb Butt Fly Company
- 25: Class, Single Handed Spey Casting by John Judy, Steve Iverson
- 26: Angler Education Instructor Training
- 26: FFF Fly Tying Expo, Eugene

#### April:
- 1-30: Classroom Anglers’ Education
- 7: COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
- 11: Class, Solving Common Casting Problems, Jeff Perrin, Carl Cavallo
- 18: Class, Solving Common Casting Problems for Women Only, Jeff Perrin, Carl Cavallo
- 20: COF General Membership Meeting, Scott Cook, Bass on the Fly in Central Oregon
- 21: Outing, Haystack Reservoir
- 23: Class, Advanced Casting Instruction, Fred Foisset, Ron Anderson
- 26-29: Kokanee Karnival Angling Clinic Experience
- 30: Class, Stillwater Fishing Clinic, Fred Foisset, Ron Anderson

#### May:
- 5: COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay
- 13, 14: Outing, Davis Lake Bass, Earl Retzig
- 18: COF General Membership Meeting, John Shewey, Summer Steelhead Fishing
- 21: Class, Distance Casting – Double Haul, Other Dates as Needed, Peter Bowers, Ron Anderson
- 25: Class, Fishing the Salmon Fly Hatch, Hanson, Steve Iverson

Note: For a complete calendar for the year, see Upstream Events on [www.coflyfishers.org](http://www.coflyfishers.org)