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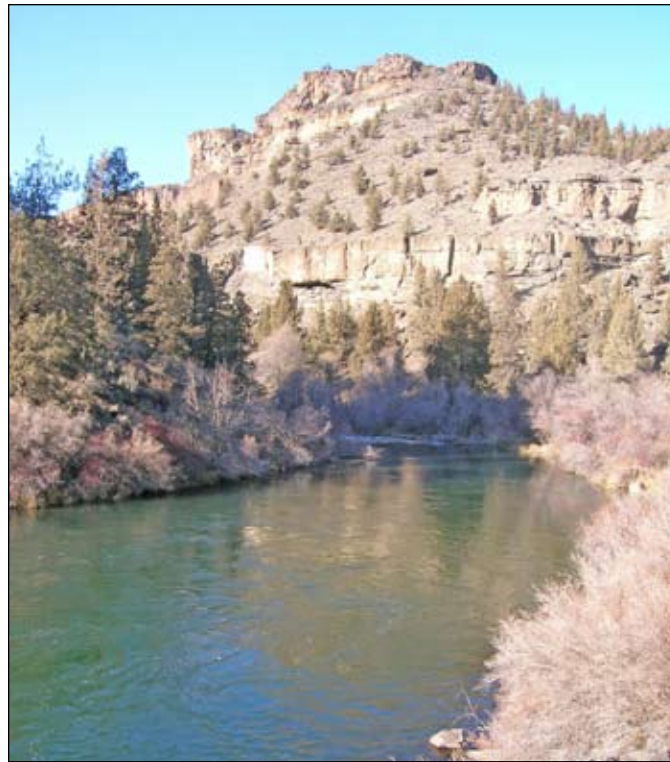
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RANDOM CAST

President's Day gave me a day off from work and a great excuse to grab my rod and get on the water. My oldest son, Ethan, also had the day off from his job as a chef at Mt. Bachelor, so we headed out together.

While my time in the club has led to an appreciation of the unusual sport of lake fly fishing, and even an enjoyment of it, I still prefer wading in rivers—the more rugged and difficult to access the better because there are often fewer people and more willing, bigger fish.



I am thankful that I can get to places like this within an easy hour drive from my house. Hiking high along canyon walls, Ethan and I scouted many holding areas and saw plenty of good-sized trout. We scrambled down through the rocks and brush (many animal trails here, as well as human) and presented our flies to fish that were not leader-shy. You don't get to back cast very often in these situations, but a good roll cast or decent single-handed Spey cast gets the job done.

At 39 degrees, the water was still too cold for very much activity. It was

a great day out nonetheless. I found a new access point to a favorite river and new holding areas for fish that will soon be rising to the surface with abandon in search of March browns and later, salmonflies.

Bill Seitz, Conservation Chair, and I recently attended a meeting with ODFW personnel to discuss potential collaboration on a number of conservation projects. Ideas included collecting fish stomach samples, planting steelhead, backpacking to high lakes to check stocking success rates, and encouraging anglers on the Crooked River to keep and eat their catches of whitefish. There will be good conservation volunteer opportunities later this year. Stay tuned.

Our annual banquet is less than one month away (March 29). Plan to attend this fun evening. It's COF's main fundraiser, but most importantly, it's a way to share a good meal and conversation with your fellow club members.



Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING

Wild redband trout and hatchery rainbow trout in Crane Prairie Reservoir

March 19, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

Evaluating population genetic structure and introgression between native redband trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri*) and out-of-basin hatchery-origin rainbow trout (*O. m. irideus*) in Crane Prairie Reservoir, Oregon

Beginning in 2006, ODFW conducted a one-year study on the genetics of wild redband trout and hatchery rainbow trout populations in Crane Prairie Reservoir. Despite a long history of stocking of hatchery rainbow trout (*O. m. irideus*), a genetically distinct population of wild redband trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri*) persists in Crane Prairie Reservoir.

Ted Wise, ODFW Fisheries Biologist, will discuss details about this study, results of the study, and implications of the results for this fishery.

EDUCATION

Lines and leaders

Are you confused about all the different types of lines, leaders, shooting heads, double tapers, shark skins, etc? Want to more about which line and leader would work best in a given circumstance and why? Brian O'Keefe will host an educational session on the subject March 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fly and Field Outfitters, 143 SW Century Drive, Bend. As most of you know, Brian is club member who is a world-renowned photographer, FFF Master Caster, and a former representative for Scientific Anglers.

Winter seminar

Make your own Winter Seminar by going to the Sportsmen's Show (Feb 29 to Mar 2) and attending the many lectures, fly-tying demonstrations, and casting clinics that will be taught by well-respected guides and experienced anglers.

Second rod-building class

I am arranging a second rod-building class. Dates, times, location, and other details are not yet available. However, if you are interested in taking the class, contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com).

Lee Ann, Education Chair
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OUTINGS

We had to cancel the first outing for February because of a three-foot accumulation of new snow along the banks of the Metolius River and unplowed roads. According to those with more Central Oregon experience than I, this amount of snow hasn't been seen in a decade! I hope you took advantage of the skiing opportunities. Fly-tying is another great cold-weather activity.

Reminder – Please send me email or call me after you return from the outings to let me know how the fishing was. I'm interested in what you and your buddies caught, saw, and laughed about while you were out. I'm looking for members whose exploits deserve recognition, interesting observations about fish behavior, and wildlife sightings you want to share.

Plans are taking shape for multi-day outings to the mid-Willamette and the Rogue Rivers, with a possible outing to the Blue Mountain area for a little steelhead action on the Grand Ronde in November. Looking forward to seeing you on the water.

Bob Evermore, Outings Coordinator
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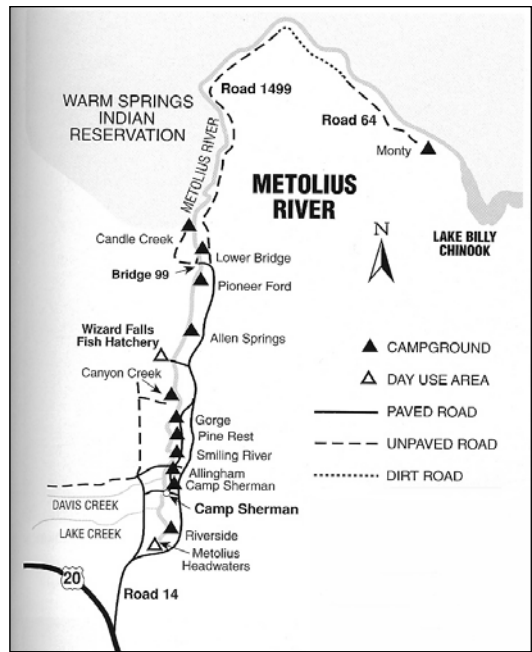
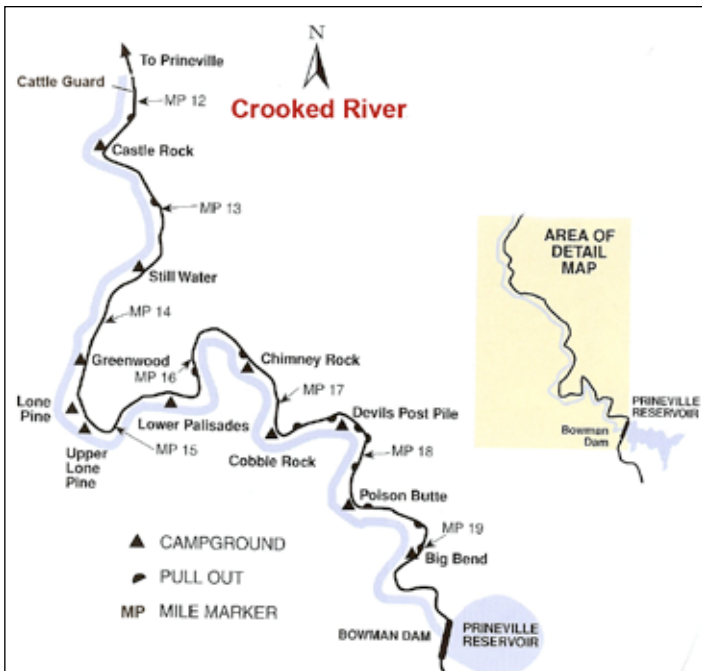
Crooked River

March 5

Meet at Jake's Diner at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast at Jake's, we'll head to the river. John Anderson, Bill Seitz, and Dick Olson have had repeated success on the Crooked over the past weeks. Whitefish are abundant, rainbows are present, and the flows have been low. Water is uncharacteristically clear for the Crooked, so the fishing experience is different. Be aware that water temperatures have been very cold; wear an extra layer under your waders. My dad used to say, "More comfort equals more time on the water equals more fish."

To reach the river from Bend, drive north on Highway 97 and take 126 east to Prineville. Drive south on Highway 27 (SE Crooked River Highway) about 19 miles to the Big Bend campground, located just about a mile before you reach the dam. Or take Neff Road east. Neff Road becomes Alfalfa Market Road, then SW Willard Road, then SW Reservoir Road, and finally, SE Reservoir Road before it ends at SE Crooked River Highway (Highway 27). Turn north (left) and proceed about 4 to 5 miles to Big Bend campground. Total distance is about 30 miles from Bend to the campground.



Metolius River

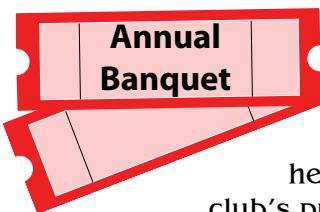
March 22

Meet at Allen Springs Campground at 9:00 a.m.

By March 22, temperatures should be warmer and snow accumulation much less. Bring white hare streamers for bull trout or blue-winged olives for trout. Remove the barbs, because this stream is catch-and-release only.

To get to Allen Springs Campground, take U.S. Highway 20 east through Sisters. Turn right onto County Route 14 about 10 miles west of Sisters and stay to the right when you come to the first fork in the road. Allen Springs Campground is marked by a sign about 8 to 9 miles from U.S. Highway 20 -- or about 1 mile past Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery.

OTHER NEWS



Banquet tickets available

The annual COF banquet and fundraiser will be held on March 29. This is the club's premier fundraising event for the award-winning Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program.

The club has received several fabulous donations from businesses and members, and the list continues to grow! Donated items include a two-night stay (with fishing) at Edmunds Well Wildlife

Sanctuary, multi-night stay at a cabin in Truckee, Orvis 9-foot, 6-weight Trident rod, Waterworks ULA Purist reel with extra spool, gift certificates for dinners, rounds of golf at several area courses, beautiful art work, handmade box, hosted fishing trips, high-end float tube, and much more. DON'T MISS this opportunity. Purchase your banquet tickets by March 1 and qualify to enter the early-bird drawing.

If you would like to donate an item or service, or have ideas for donations, do not hesitate to contact Dennis Rockwell (788-1099) as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous support.

Dennis Rockwell

Trip to British Columbia

If you plan to go on the club's annual trip to British Columbia (June 19 to 28), apply for your passport NOW. More information about the trip is available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org/bc>

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

In January, Wild Women of the Water enjoyed Judith O'Keefe's presentation about photography. Due to scheduling conflicts, we did not have our nymphing clinic in February. We plan to have an outing in March. Take advantage of the Winter Seminar, which will be held in conjunction with the Sportsmen's Show. While you're there, volunteer to help at the kid's fishing pond or the COF booth. You'll get free admission to the show and have fun!

Terri Grimm



Looking for a few good waders

The Kokanee Karnival is looking for a few good waders—kid-size that is. With a new streamside location, Kokanee Karnival needs waders and boots, in good condition, that fourth and fifth grade students can wear. Small women’s sizes and kid’s sizes would be excellent. To donate a pair of used waders, contact Dave Dunahay (317-5843). If you would like to donate a new pair of waders, please write a check, payable to Kokanee Karnival, and mark the check “waders for KK.”

Sunriver Anglers donate to KK

The Sunriver Anglers donated \$5000 to COF to help pay for Kokanee Karnival-related expenses in 2008. The SRA have donated to KK in the past. On behalf of COF, I thank them again for their generosity to this award-winning program. The SRA are an active partner in KK. Club members have traditionally managed the Fall River Fish Hatchery tour during streamside, and they provide lunch at the spring angling clinic.

Dave Dunahay



Photo: Joel Baillie

Doug Vakoc, President of Sunriver Anglers, presents a check to Dave Dunahay for the Kokanee Karnival as COF President Yancy Lind looks on.

Ana River outing

Gene Peressini, Dick Olson, and Dennis Rockwell caught 7 rainbow trout of average size. They had the most success on nymphs. (The pictured rainbow was the only fish caught on a dry fly—an emerger.) The banks of the Ana River were very slippery. River bottom conditions ranged from gravel to deep silt, which made wading a challenge at times. It was a cold day with a stiff breeze and intermittent sunshine throughout the afternoon. Our three guys were the only ones fishing all afternoon. About 5:00 p.m., they saw one other person working the river. Word has it there was some swimming due to the slippery footing, especially in the deep silt, but everyone made it home alive with some memories to smile about!



Photo: Dennis Rockwell

Dick Olson holding his big fish of the day – a 14-inch rainbow caught in the Ana River within a mile of the Ana Reservoir dam.

TYERS CORNER

Is that the sun peeking through, or am I dreaming again? The locals in La Pine say, "It's just a sucker hole; don't get out the lawn chairs just yet." Spring will be here soon, so it's time to get to your bench and fill your boxes for the season ahead. If you would like to have a certain pattern featured in this section, please drop me a line.

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, I will have returned from the Fly Fishing Show in California. I hope to see COF members at the Fly-fishing Expo in Albany. (COF needs your help in the COF booth at the Expo.) I hope to bring back some interesting flies and new materials to tease the Central Oregon trout population.

This month's fly is a pattern that came from my Possum Hair Nymph. It is one of my first experimental bead-head patterns, and it fishes really well in Central Oregon. I call it the Bead-Headed Possum Hair Wet. Tying the fly is straightforward, except for the hackle. For the hackle, place Austrian possum hair in a dubbing loop, then wind it as a hackle—very sparsely. This fly features a fine, copper wire rib, which works better than any other type of wire. The fly has a possum hair tail. (The Possum Hair Nymph does not.) I prefer nickel or black tungsten beads.

Fish this fly as the point or middle fly on a three-fly rig. Fish it deep, just under the surface, or as the dropper below some high-floating dry fly. Or fish it alone, as you would any wet fly. Most takes on this fly will be at the end of the swing, while the fly rises toward the surface.

If you haven't volunteered to help on one of the fun projects or events sponsored by the club, please reconsider. You will learn more about the people who have made COF one of the truly great clubs in the Western United States. It is not all work; believe me, you will have fun.

Jerry Criss
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Flies wanted

Ross Chandler (385-3185), professional photographer and brother of COF member Gordon Chandler, has asked members to bring flies they have tied to the next general meeting. Flies may be any type, color, size, or style. Ross will photograph the flies and create a screen saver, which will be available to members at no cost. Or you may drop off the flies at Ross's home (739 NE 10th St., Bend).

Bead-Headed Possum Hair Wet

Hook: Tiemco 206BL hook #12 to #16

Thread: burnt orange, 8/0

Bead: nickel or black tungsten

Tailing: small bunch of possum hair (Remove underfur.)

Body: brown thread or brown dry-fly dubbing, wound tight and tapered toward the hook eye

Rib: fine copper wire

Hackle collar: possum hair (Remove all underfur.)



Slide the bead behind the hook eye. Lock in the thread and wind it to the back; stop just above the barb point. Lock in the tail fibers and rib. The tail length should equal the length of the hook shank. Dub the body. (If you use thread instead of possum hair, wind the thread forward and stop just behind the bead.)

Wind the rib forward with about 4 to 5 even turns.

For the possum-hair hackle, make a dubbing loop about 6 inches long. (This length allows better control when winding the hackle.) To close the loop at the hook eye, wind the bobbin once around the loop at the hook eye. Wax the loop to keep the hair in the loop. Remove a small bunch of hair from the skin and clean out the underfur until you have just the lengths of hair in your hand. (Lengths of fur should be about 1 inch long. Don't try stacking the hair; it is too fine for a stacker.) Place the hairs in the loop and spread out the hair so it looks like a 1 inch hackle. Adjust the length of the hackle to equal the length of the hook. Very carefully, cut off the butt ends of hair as close to the thread as you can. (Until you have practiced a few times, 1/16 inch is about as close as you can get.) Spin the loop. When the loop is tight enough to hold the hair, pull the hair to one side. (You may need to wet the hair. Please do NOT lick your fingers. Use water. I once became ill from licking my fingers while tying with hair.) Wind the hackle as you would a feather, in touching turns toward the bead. Remember to sweep the hair to the rear as you wrap. Two to 3 wraps should do. Tie off against the bead. TIP: Add a very small amount of dubbing to the thread as you whip finish.



New Membership – 2008

The Central Oregon Flyfishers

www.coflyfishers.org

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 only.) Email US Postal Service
Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.) Wild Women of the Water Conservation
 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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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 \$18.00.

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
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Bend, OR 97709**

Central Oregon Flyfishers Up-Stream Events 2008

Date	Time	Activity/Meeting	Location	Contact
MARCH				
Feb 28 - Mar 2		Sportsmen's Show	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Dave Semich
Feb 28 - Mar 2		winter seminar	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Lee Ann Ross
Mar 5	8:00 am	outing	Jake's Diner, then Crooked River	Bob Evermore
Mar 6	6:30 pm	monthly Board meeting	Environmental Center, Bend	Yancy Lind
Mar 18	6:30 pm	Lines & leaders	Fly & Field Outfitters	Lee Ann Ross
Mar 19	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
Mar 22	9:00 am	outing	Metolius River, Allen Sp. Campgrnd.	Bob Evermore
Mar 13, 20, 27	6:30 pm	weekly fly tying	Bend Senior Center	Sherry Steele
Mar 29		Annual Banquet	Bend Senior Center	Larry Godfrey
TBA	TBA	Rod-building class	TBA	Lee Ann Ross
IN THE FUTURE				
May		riparian planting, habitat restoration	tributaries to the John Day River	Scott Cotter
Jun 19 - 28		trip to B.C.	Leighton Lake, BC	Gordon Chandler
Jun 22		Hermann Fischer	Leighton Lake, BC	
Non-Club Activities & FYI				
Mar 7-8		Northwest tyers and fly-fishing expo	Albany, OR	Jim Fisher

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Photo: John Anderson

Hearty members of COF take a break from fishing and gather around Bill Seitz's portable "campfire" during the New Year's Day outing to the Crooked River.

2007 COF Board Members: Yancy Lind *PRESIDENT* Dennis Rockwell *VICE PRESIDENT, Raffle* Susan Telford *TREASURER* Earl Rettig *SECRETARY* Dave Magaret *Programs*
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 Bob Evermore *Outings* Dave Dunahay *Kokanee Carnival* Delores Marsh *Wild Women of the Water*

Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

March 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

Bend Senior Center

Cost

BEFORE March 1: \$25 per person and qualify to enter the early-bird drawing

March 1 to 26: \$30 per person

After March 26: \$35 per person

Complete the form below. Mail the form and your check (\$25/person BEFORE March 1 or \$30/person March 1 to 26) to COF, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. Please write **BANQUET** on the envelope.

PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Amount enclosed (circle one): \$25 or \$30/person _____

Membership application available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org>



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