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President's Message

Happy May Flyfishers! You know what that means – later this month those big ugly bugs will start crawling out of the Deschutes and flying clumsily around the bushes and trees near the river. It's also the busiest time of the year on that river, so plan accordingly. Hopefully we'll be able to get on the river and fish for them!

As of this writing we are still in COVID-19 semi-lockdown (I say that because in some states you can't do anything, at least we can do something!), but there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel – although the tunnel is pretty long. We have cancelled our May meeting and will have to wait to see when the Senior Center resumes normal operations before we can have another meeting. We are going to try a Zoom meeting for the Board on 7 May to at least be able to see each other in real time when we discuss club business.

A big thanx to Bill Raleigh for his annual Board Book review! Each Director annually reviews the part of the book they are responsible for, the Board discusses any changes (if necessary) and Bill collects all the comments and updates the book. Bill also revised our Organization Chart. If you want to know how your club runs, read the Board Book (it's available on the website).

Banquet Donations. Any club member who donated to this year's cancelled Banquet who wants their donation back (no questions asked!) should contact Lee Ann to arrange pickup. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you want your donation auctioned off at future club meetings!

Cool videos of the month (got 2 of them for you this month!):

1. How to Handle Fish Better (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5fw4KCF754>). This video is from Alex, a guide in New Zealand who I follow on YouTube; he's got some really good fishing (and catching!) footage in his videos. This video is an excellent primer on how to handle fish with minimum harmful impact on them, something we should all strive to do.
2. Guided Fly Fishing – How to be a Good Client (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSbeeh1szC8>). This video is from The Huge Fly Fisherman; he's got a lot of good videos that have a big slice of humor to go with them. This one focuses on the guide/client relationship, and it's worth watching. Pretty funny too!

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 (safely of course)!

- *Tim Quinton*

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## EVENTS

### Annual COF Banquet Update

As most of you know, the annual Banquet/Auction has been cancelled this year, and it is our major fund-raising activity. In fact, the average we've made over the last 5 years from the Banquet alone is \$12,882. This is what allows us to keep other costs to members down (like class and speaker fees) and be able to support activities like Kokanee Karnival, Angler Education, Next Cast, donations to ODFW, etc. These activities are in direct support of our By-Laws (Article III). It also pays for our operating expenses like admin costs, rent of meeting and storage space, bank fees, website fees, publishing the newsletter, the annual BBQ, Winter Seminar, and others. The other revenue we will miss out on this year is the stipend we get for running the Kids Pond at the Sportsman's Show (\$1500); blame the Coronavirus for that one too! The Board is reviewing the 2020 budget to see where we can cut donations and scale back our COF programs to help mitigate some of the impacts of our funding loss. All is not bleak though, as many of the donations we received from members and local businesses will be auctioned off at our monthly meetings. A big THANK YOU to all who let us keep them!

Now for the serious business – as of today, no one has stepped up to volunteer to lead the Banquet, so we will NOT HAVE A BANQUET NEXT YEAR. I put that in caps for a reason – it has a major impact on our funding. The only other way we can raise funds (that doesn't involve volunteers) is to raise our annual dues. The Flyfishers Club of Oregon (in Portland - oldest fly club in OR) charges \$100 for their dues, so our \$35 dues are a real bargain. We won't have to go that high, but I predict some increase; especially when you consider a family pays the same as a single member (many clubs don't offer that option). An alternative to raising our dues is to charge more for each class we offer (fly tying, rod/net building, etc).

There is still a little time to reverse this, if someone steps up – we have to book the Riverhouse by the end of May. I know the job sounds huge, and it can be, but if we get a group of people to volunteer it can be a manageable amount of work for each person. And you will have some good people who have run it in the

past to call upon for guidance and support. As a good friend and USCG Master Chief once said: "Shipmates don't fail unless left to fail alone". Pete Martin and Tom Wideman ran it for the past several years, and the Board ran it this year (prior to cancellation), so contact any one of those people to get more info.

- TIM QUINTON  
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## EDUCATION

### Events Postponed

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we are holding off on scheduling any education events in the May/June timeframe. We will continue to monitor the situation, and we may know in a few weeks how this will all play out and will hopefully get back to having education events this Summer. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy!

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### Tim's Tips #3: Sherry Knot Cards and RIO Products Videos

I was surprised last month to learn that one of our own COF members is a well-known knot master in his own right (yeah, I don't know everyone in the club just yet!). John Sherry ([www.jesherry.com](http://www.jesherry.com)) has excellent knot tying products – waterproof cards, books, videos, knot tying kits, and even apps for your smart phone. And not just fishing knots either – you guys and gals with boats may want to learn some of his boating knots to be a more professional and accomplished seaman! If you're looking to buy local, check out John's webpage – you can't get more "local" than this!

In this day and age of the Internet and videos, there's a lot of information out there to digest. One source I've used for a few years now is the RIO Products website. RIO makes fly lines, leaders, tippet material, and a host of other fly fishing-related stuff. Their website ([www.rioproducts.com/learn/videos](http://www.rioproducts.com/learn/videos)) has many excellent how-to videos on knots, casting, fishing techniques, as well as videos on their own products. Well worth the look!

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# Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Dave Dunahay is the COF representative to Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative. This collaborative effort is envisioned to implement the water conservation opportunities identified in the Deschutes Basin Study. If there are legal or regulatory barriers, they will be identified and alternatives proposed. There are over 40 participants representing environmental groups; irrigations districts; state, federal and county agencies and tribes. Dave was our representative on the Basin Study. If you have questions, give him a call.

- DAVE DUNAHAY  
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## BOARD BITS

APRIL 2020

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the Board of Directors held an email meeting. Tim sent out an agenda and members responded to his questions and submitted their reports. Following is a summarization of those interactions....

Library – Helen placed an article in the April newsletter regarding where the library is and how to check out books and videos.

Fly Shop Corner – the April newsletter had just one shop submission for our new Fly Shop Corner.

Awards Committee – awardees have been identified, certificates and gift cards are in process. Awards will be given out at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

Trout Creek Preserve OWEB land acquisition – Tom S (conservation) supports the proposal and recommends that the club draft a letter of support for the Deschutes Land Trust to acquire this property.

Steelhead Falls Reconstruction Project – on hold....

Amato Publications is giving us a box of books to our club for helping out at the Expo over the years. They will be delivered sometime this summer. We may keep a few good ones for our library and put the rest in an auction or monthly raffle.

Projector and other A/V materials – no room for storage

at the senior center. John Howard has the projector at his house until we need it next.

Meetings – All monthly meetings and Board of Director meetings are cancelled until further notice. We may try ZOOM for BOD meetings....

Banquet – the banquet is cancelled. Next year's banquet is in question. Would any board member or regular member be interested in heading it up? If no one comes forward, Tim will announce, in the June newsletter, that we will not hold a banquet in 2021. Mary & Renee have refunded all receipts for the banquet. All donors will be contacted to see if they would like their donations returned or used in monthly auctions and raffles.

Board Book Update – Bill Raleigh has finished. Mary will post the updated version on the website.

Metolius Redband Genetics Study – Adam Bronstein from the Native Fish Society has asked for funds to support his study. After much email discussion, it was decided to shelve his proposal until next year. Tom S informed him of our decision. Tom is hoping to introduce him to the Warm Springs fisheries biologists who might be interested in his genetic study.

Membership – Sue – 370 active members

Education – Jeff & Liz – Upcoming classes have been cancelled, fees have been refunded.

Wild Women – Sue – Missing personal contact!

Next Cast Flyfishers – Fred – 5 COF members have renewed

Conservation – Tom made a phone call on the Metolius River fly fishing only proposal. Limiting lures to single hooks was discussed. No decisions at this time. Tom will be leaving for a new job out of the area eventually. We need a need conservation person.

Kokanee Karnival – Frank – Spring programs were cancelled. They are looking forward to Sept 2020. The Kokanee Karnival board voted to withdraw their yearly \$1000 request because of reduced operating expenses (Spring Angling Clinic bus charges, incidentals).

Programs – Art – March, April & May monthly meetings have been cancelled. They are working on 2021 programs including rescheduling the cancelled programs. John Shewey and Rick Hafele are scheduled to present in Sept and Oct respectively.

Welcome – Tom W – all is well.

Casting Challenge will take place May 30 with MaryAnn...free at the Old Mill. There may be another rod building class

Outings – Tim will host a euro nymphing trip on the Crooked River in June or July. The Owyhee River trip is coming up.

Adjourned at 8:15

- KARI SCHOESSLER  
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## LIBRARY

COF library services will begin once monthly meetings restart.

A portion of our library collection, including DVDs and some books, will be available at monthly meetings for check out. Additionally, you can find a book on our website's library collection list <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, and email the librarian to bring it to the next meeting [library@coflyfishers.org](mailto:library@coflyfishers.org).

The librarian arrives at the meeting early to give members extra time to look for items before the meeting starts. Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Helen Guerrero-Randall, the club librarian: [library@coflyfishers.org](mailto:library@coflyfishers.org)

- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL  
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## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

#### DeeDee Sowers - La Pine

If you haven't done so lately, take a minute to review and update your profile, especially contact information. Thanks.

- SUE COYLE  
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## COF CLASSIFIEDS

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE BY DAVE SEMICH:** (Liquidating for a neighbor who went fly fishing 3 times) contact Dave at 541-382-1969

**Outcast Super Fat Cat LCS + 2 anchors**, \$250 (new - \$480 – only used 3 times)

**Humminbird Fish Finder 140C**, \$100 (new - \$200 – only used 3 times)

**ASSORTED OTHER STUFF:** K-Pump 100 (used once), Wader Duffel Bag (NIB), Outcast Heavy-duty Bag (NIB), Glacier Glove boots, Large, \$20, Patagonia Vest, Large, \$40, Allen Chest Bag (NIB), Hodgeman Fleece pants, Medium, \$10, & a bag of assorted tools

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE BY TIM QUINTON:** Contact Tim Quinton by phone at 509-392-3516 or email, [cgtimq@gmail.com](mailto:cgtimq@gmail.com)

**Patagonia Men's Micro Puff Jacket**, size Large (fits snug), color Carbon (this is kind of a dark green). New, never worn outside, \$125 (Retail is \$249). [Click here to check out the Patagonia website for more info](#)

**Redington Original model Dually 4 wt switch rod.** This is a great 4 wt trout switch rod, casts large dries or heavy nymph rigs with ease. This rod is new, never been cast; it is 10'9" long, 4 piece. Asking \$150, retail is \$250. This is NOT the new model Dually

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## “TLF SOFT-HACKLE SALMONFLY”

**W**ow!!!, that's the first word that comes to mind with all that is, “not going on”, along with hoping all is well with you and your families as we wait and wonder what is in store for all of us. Things will not be the same, there's doubt about that; but what we can do, is work together to make our world better and more prepared for the next time. In my spiritual world, I learned a lesson that is hard to comprehend at times but when you sit quietly with it, it is what our choices in life give us, “You create your own reality without exception”.

The fly this month is new (soft-hackle salmonfly), and it never has been fished and with the planned float trip for the Deschutes cancelled, and things closed for a while, it may not be. So what to do. Well lets have some fun with a fly tying contest of sorts. I have been working on a soft-hackle salmonfly, and you know what; there aren't many out there if any!! What the hell is up with that, so lets see what the tyers in this club can come up with. The winner will get a day of fishing on either Crane or Davis with me. If you are game send me the picture and recipe of your fly, and I and an unknown guest will judge the flies.. fishing date will be set to suit our schedules for later in the year. Use the email address below.

### **Materials:**

**Hook:** Streamer hook #6 to #4 4x to 5x long shank

**Thread:** Black or orange 14/0

**Tail:** 2 black dry fly hackle tips, or 8 to 10 Clarks UV Golden Pheasant tail tippets

**Egg sack:** Black dry fly dubbing with a little bit of tan ice dub mixed in

**Body:** 2 layers of 2mm X 3mm X 4 inches long orange foam and clear scud back colored with orange marker

**Thorax:** Same as egg sack, with 2 turns of black dry fly hackle

**Hackle:** Black or Dark Dun mallard flank, or blue eared pheasant

**Head:** Same as the egg sack.

### **Tying Instructions**

1. Start the thread just behind the eye and wrap back to the bend of the hook and tie in the tailing material, then the egg sack material. Tie in the scud back material just in front of the egg sack.
2. Wrap the thread forward to the eye and tie in the foam along the bottom of the shank by wrapping the thread back in wide turns to the egg sack.
3. Now wrap the foam forward in touching turns to about a 3/8 of inch behind the eye. Take your tread forward binding the foam down with wide turns and medium pressure.
4. Tie in the other length of foam the same way, this time using lighter pressure in wrapping the foam and when winding the tread forward.
5. With the foam body complete, color the top of the foam with a brown marker with light dots. Now wrap the scud back material forward with slightly overlapping turns to the foam tie off point.
6. Tie in the dry fly hackle and dub the thorax and then wrap the hackle through the thorax and tie off. You should have a gap left for the soft hackle and head?
7. Now tie in and wrap the soft hackle with the first turn into the thorax in between the wraps of the hackle. The next 2 to 3 turns should be in front of the thorax and tie off.
8. Finish now with the dubbed head.

“Good Luck, Fun Tying and Good Hunting”

- JERRY CRISS

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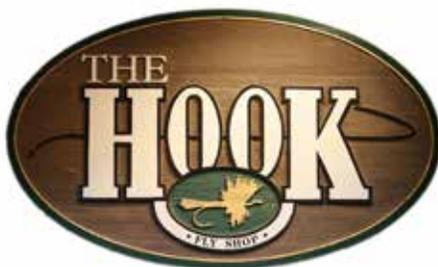


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## In the Future

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
June 15-17	3 Day Fly Fishing Kids Camp	ODFW pond on the Metolius	Fred Cholick - fcholick@gmail.com



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