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President's Message

Happy May Flyfishers!

Green Drakes on the Metolius, Salmonflies and Golden Stones on the Deschutes, Callibaetis on the lakes, PMDs in the rivers, Upper Deschutes opening - all good things to look forward to in May! Warming weather + trout getting hungry = good fishing. This is the time of year I'm thankful that I live in Central Oregon, with its many opportunities to pursue our favorite freshwater quarry.

On the COVID front, Deschutes County has taken a step backwards (as I write this) and may go into the "High Risk" category again. With almost 100,000 of our citizens receiving one of the vaccines at the Fairgrounds Clinic (where Mary Barron, John Howard, and I volunteer), I'm at a loss to understand why we are still having this rate of infection. Hopefully we'll start seeing a significant drop in the rate soon, and we can all get back some normalcy in our lives. As for me, fishing, golf and home life goes on somewhat undisturbed, but I do miss interacting in person with you all at our monthly meetings and other gatherings.

Last month we had a VERY successful Crooked River cleanup (BIG turnout!) - a big Thank You to Pete Martin for organizing this event twice a year. And of course, to all of you who took time off on your Saturday to help out. We have 3 really good Outings to look forward to this month, and Eric White has our schedule in this newsletter. So far this year we've had one at the Owyhee River, which went well, and I expect some more interest and participation in the outings near home coming up. I encourage any of our newer members to take advantage of these outings and attend as many as you can to get up to speed on the fishing in our area.

Hopefully you all saw the email blast I sent out regarding thefts of fishing equipment at some of the local waters (big thanx to Eric Steele for sending this to me!). As much as we'd like to believe we live in a safe and wholesome place, there are criminal elements out there that are looking to take advantage of us, so be vigilant and keep your stuff safely out of sight and locked away as much as possible.

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 or would like to submit an article for this newsletter. This is YOUR newsletter, and if you have an idea for something that I haven't thought of please send it my way!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL *virtual* MEETING | MAY 19TH

MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.



tie flies by his uncle when he was eight years old. He also fished more famous trout waters before the age of 13 than most fly anglers' fish in their entire lifetime. His first Central Oregon fly fishing adventure was in the mid 80's while vacationing and fishing on the Deschutes and Metolius Rivers. He considers Crane Prairie Reservoir his home water and for over 20 years of guiding and fishing Central Oregon area he has learned a lot and genuinely enjoys sharing his passion and knowledge on the water and in his shop.

This month **Scott Cook**, owner of Fly and Field Outfitters, will be giving a presentation on the Crane Prairie Reservoir fishery. This presentation will touch on how and where to fish Crane Prairie, one of Oregon's premier trout fisheries.

"I'm not sure if I had a choice in the matter but one thing is for sure; this love affair with fishing is in my blood". Fishing began for Scott about the same time as he took his first steps, and he was taught to

He purchased Fly & Field Outfitters in January 2004, recognizing the most important aspect of a quality fly shop is customer service. Fly & Field Outfitters provides everything you need to fly fish Central Oregon and also offers first class guiding service.

His adventures with a fly rod have taken him to some unforgettable locations; from pristine trout streams of Chile and Alaska to the crystal clear flats of Belize and Mexico.

2021 COF

Program Schedule

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

Crane Prairie (Quinn River) and Hosmer

MAY 16 - 17

UPDATE: AS OF 26 APRIL THE MT BACHELOR GATE IS CLOSED, BUT THE CASCADES LAKE HIGHWAY GATE, THAT LIMITS ACCESS TO THE NORTH, WAS MOVED TO FR40, NORTH OF CRANE PRAIRIE. THEREFORE, ACCESS TO CRANE PRAIRIE IS NOW POSSIBLE FROM THE SOUTH. THERE IS STILL NO ACCESS TO HOSMER, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

FOR THE CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING, WE WILL PLAN TO MEET FOR A "FLOTILLA" LUNCH/FISHING REPORT AT 12:00. THE LOCATION WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF THE QUINN RIVER CHANNEL WHERE THE TREES START OR ABOUT 100 YARDS EAST FROM THE 10MPH BUOY.

DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE LAKE, IT'S BEST TO PLAN A LUNCH MEET-UP AT HOSMER WHEN WE MEET IN THE MORNING.

THE CLUB WEBSITE, MEMBERS ONLY, "HOW TO" SECTION, HAS INFORMATION ON FISHING CRANE AND HOSMER. PLEASE VISIT IT BEFORE YOU GO.

The Crane Prairie Reservoir is about an hour from Bend and the home to Cranebows. These rainbows are measured in pounds not inches. Crane has rainbows (14 – 22" is normal), Kokanee, whitefish and bass, there are 3 – old underwater riverbeds that are about 12' deep. Parts of the lake are 16'. The old submerged forest is still present and helps establish the location of the old river bed especially at Quinn River. There is still a lot of the old forest above water, but be careful of stumps that are just under the water. There is a dam at the south end of the lake and the out flow of the Upper Deschutes river that feeds into Wickiup. Crane allows gas engines, but the speed limit is 10 MPH. You will see small float tubes to multi passenger boats fishing on the lake. Quinn River channel is very protected from the wind. There is very limited bank access.

Tackle and Techniques: Insect life varies with midges, caddis, mayflies and damselfly. Chironomids, Zebra Midge and balanced leaches under a strike indicator in the channels account for a lot of fish all season. Stripping Damselfly and leaches is also effective. There are pockets in the "trees" that allow room to



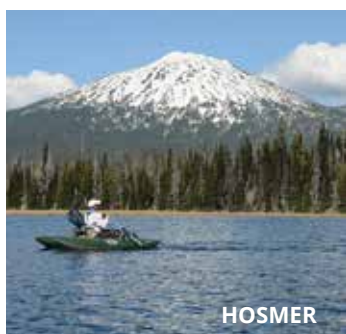
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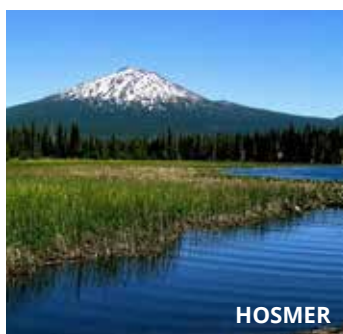
CRANE PRAIRIE



CRANE PRAIRIE



HOSMER



HOSMER

hook and fight fish. Use 5 or 6 weight rods with a floater or sinking line.

Camping: Camping will be readily available early in the season at Quinn River camp ground at Crane Prairie. The Quinn River boat launch is very close.

HOSMER LAKE

Is about 40 minutes from Bend it is creek fed and very clear early in the season. Hosmer is flyfishing only and catch and release. The lake has Rainbows, Brook and cutthroat trout, 14" – 18" is common, but it holds fish up to 24". It has a lower and an upper lake connected by a slow flowing channel. The lower lake is 11' deep, but you will find most of your fishing is 4 – 6' deep. There is an additional finger off the main channel that leads to a small dam. The channel leads to the upper lake, about a 25-minute row. Hosmer allows electric motors only. With the clear water, you will be able to see fish easily in the channel and upper lake. Early season there is extensive bird life and more importantly, there are few watercraft (SUP, Kayaks and canoes). Later in the season the lake can be very very busy with visitors. There is almost no bank access. Arriving early before 7:00 in warmer months is important. The boat launch can become very busy and parking may be non-existent. A trailered boat is OK, but parking will be a challenge at times.

Tackle and Techniques: Insect life varies with midges, caddis, mayflies, damselfly and dragon flies. Chironomids, Zebra Midge and balanced leaches under a strike indicator along the weed edges in the lakes and in the channels account for a lot of fish all season. There can be very good Callibaetis dry fly fishing at times. Stripping Damselfly and leaches is also effective. Use a 5 or 6 weight rods with a floater or very slow sinking line.

Camping: Hosmer has plenty of camping, but nothing on the water.

How to: Review the Crane Prairie and Hosmer "How to" area on the COF web page for additional information.

MEET UP

16 May we will meet at the Quinn River boat launch (Crane Prairie) at 8:00

17 May we will meet at the Hosmer boat launch at 7:30

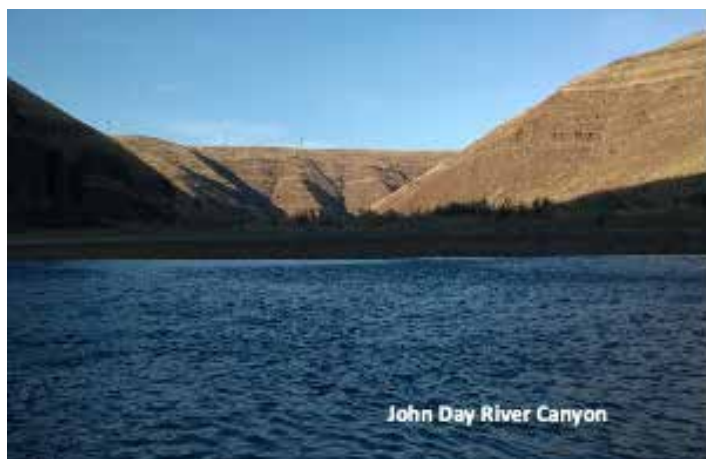
Near by camping: <https://www.recreation.gov/>

Deschutes/Lava Lake Campground, Deschutes/ Crane Prairie Campground, Deschutes/Cow Meadow Campground, Deschutes/Elk Lake Campground, Deschutes/Cultus Lake Campground, Deschutes/ Rock Creek Campground, Deschutes/Quinn River Campground

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John Day River Outing

MAY 21-23, 2021 | SPONSORED BY CLARK SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS



Want to catch 100 fish in a day? Then join us for the John Day River outing. The **John Day River** is a tributary of the Columbia River, approximately 284 miles long, in northeastern Oregon. Undammed along its entire length, the river is the fourth longest free-flowing river in the contiguous United States. In addition to salmon and steelhead fisheries, the John Day contains **prime habitat for smallmouth bass**. Also present are rainbow trout, carp, and channel catfish.

The focus of this outing will be small mouth bass. John Day smallmouth are very surface oriented, and most days anglers can fish on the surface all day long. Small to mid-sized poppers are productive, along with foam body flies such as **Chernobyl** ants and **damselflies**. The river's largest bass are most often caught sub surface with crayfish, leech, and baitfish patterns. Recommended 4wt – 6wt rods. Bring both floating and sinking lines.

Where to Catch John Day Bass in Spring! Do not bother fishing water with any significant current.



These smallmouth like calm water, so stick to the back eddies and slow water. Bass often feed just off the current line, staying just on the slow side of the boundary and ambushing passing prey. As for locations, smallmouth bass are present in the John Day in good numbers from the mouth at the Columbia River (and in the Columbia itself) well up to Kimberly and some beyond. For the free-flowing section above Tumwater Falls, boaters can put in at Kimberly, Spray, Service Creek, Twickenham and Clarno (taking out at the Cottonwood Bridge on Highway 206). There is a state park at Cottonwood Canyon. Some of those stretches, especially the 71 river miles between Clarno and Cottonwood, are multiple-day trips. Study your river guide to choose the appropriate drift. **Bank anglers will find by far the best access to the main river from where Highway 207 joins Highway 19 and on upstream.** Smallmouth bass also are in the smaller North Fork, and there is plentiful access there for bank anglers from the mouth up to Monument.

Meeting location: Spray boat launch 7:00 AM Saturday May 22nd. A group gather for dinner will be decided on at the time of the outing due to Covid.

Where to stay: Spray Riverbend motel (541) 468-2053) www.riverbendmotel.com; Spray Riverfront Park (No RSVP needed – First come); Fairview

Campground 8.3 Miles NE of Spray; Muleshoe campground 10 south of Spray (small RVs).

Access: Multiple BLM public access points for Kimberly downstream. Details and permits (Float permits are required) at www.blm.gov/or/permit.

Useful fly patterns: Small poppers, sliders, Woolly Bugger, Kury's Crawdad, dragonfly patterns, and Clouser Minnows.

Shuttle Services:

J&Z Shuttles (Spray) (541) 468- 2182
Service Creek Stage Stop (541) 468-3331

Fly shops on the way: Hood River: Gorge Fly shop (541) 386-6977, www.gorgeflyshop.com. The Dallas: Flyfishing Strategies Fly Shop, (509) 930-4406, www.flyfishingstrategiesflyshop.com.

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Todd Lake Outing

JUNE 14 | MEET AT THE TODD LAKE TRAIL HEAD AT 7:00

Todd Lake is a natural lake and covers 45 acres, it's named in honor of John Y. Todd, an early settler in

Central Oregon. There is a day-use area and a rustic campground located on the west shore of the lake. Todd Lake is a popular outdoor recreation site for picnicking, fishing, hiking, and nature viewing.

Todd Lake is located on the Cascades Highway just Past Mt Bachelor. The lake has Brook and Rainbow trout. Because of the short ¼ mile hike, few people make the effort to fish this from a float tube. The lake also has shore access, but the heavy forest, except for the North end, will make it challenging to cast. I fished Todd last year in the middle of June during a flying ant hatch. The rainbows and Brookies were very willing to take ants off the surface. There are also some great ledges and overhanging trees to offer great opportunities to the boater.

Because the lake is popular and the parking can be challenging, we will meet at the trail head at 7:00. Walk up the trail to the lake edge. A portable float tube or pontoon is best. Suggested tackle is 2 - 4wt rods. Set up one for dry's and the other with a strike indicator for chironomids and midges.

Plan on a shore lunch around 11:00. Eric White COF Outing Chairman.

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EDUCATION

Crooked River Reflections

(Rich is a newer COF member is also a member of Fly Fisher's Club of Oregon (FCO) and offers a few words regarding The Crooked. All COF members are encouraged to submit articles like this for our newsletter.)

A recent trip to the Crooked with Tim Quinton resulted in some pretty good results for us on Zebra Midges #18 -16 drifted slowly through the pools and #20 BWO dries once the rainbows started looking up. Tim managed to catch a personal best for the Crooked with a 17" rainbow on a #20 BWO (I expect nothing less from Tim).

Once I got home, I continued my duties as a member of the FCO Creel committee reading past FCO newsletters in search of material for the upcoming 61st Anniversary edition of the Creel, the club's contribution to Fly Fishing Literature. By chance I read an article by Tom McAllister, one of the club's icons, on winter fishing on The Crooked entitled "Deep Winter Trout" which I sent to Tim as a matter of interest since we just got back from fishing it.

DEEP WINTER TROUT *(Reprinted with Permission from the 2008 Flyline newsletter of the Fly Fisher's Club of Oregon)*

Between river icing periods there is a tailwater reach of canyon, some eight miles long, that is a winter certainty for redband trout and whitefish.

Year after year the Crooked River below Bowman Dam near Prineville is at its best from November into April. The flow is low, slow and the color thin, not the heavy brown of May thru summer. However, as I write this on January 25 the river is frozen bank to bank, so I look for the next warming trend and mid-February. With a Bureau of Reclamation controlled flow out of Prineville Reservoir the river is laden with fine suspended silt and can flow 2,000 cfs or more in spring and summer. In winter the flow is more often 75 - 300 cfs. (Ed. note: as you can see, things have changed a bit since 2008 - the flow for most of this winter has been under 50 cfs.)

Chris Scranton, the biology teacher at Madras High School, and his sons Stephen and Cameron, often winter-fish this tight canyon that State Highway 27 (starts from Prineville) tracks closely until it crosses Bowman Dam and south towards the Bend-Burns Highway 20. The best water in the canyon is available within the BLM public holdings. The Lone Pine Campground about 4 miles below the dam is where the Scrantons fish.

Over the Christmas holidays the Scrantons made two trips and caught and released 20 fish in three hours and the on second outing their tally was 8 trout and 6 whitefish in a few hours, all on scud and stonefly patterns. Chris, who ties his own, uses his small Black Stonefly on a bead head dropper and an Orange Scud. Deep winter fishing is what it is, getting the offering down and drifted along the bottom of the riffles and runs. Back in the 70's there was a period when the lower Crooked River produced more hefty trout than any stream in the state. But, as a tailwater river with widely fluctuating storage and release conditions, productivity is highly variable. Most catches this winter are 8 - 13 inches, with some 14 inchers, and Chris's best was a 22-inch Redband.

Tall cliffs block western sun and shadows cover much of the river's winding course. Rod guides need to be freed of ice. On milder days into the 40's or up, from about 11 am until 2 pm, there is a hatch of Blue-winged Olives for dry fly. These and Sparkle Duns are choice for mid-day fishing in February or March, and a dead-drifted Hares Ear for larger trout near the bottom.

Whitefish school in winter in the deeper pools and

feed outward into adjoining runs for Stone and Mayfly nymphs. They also spawn in mid-winter, so an Egg Fly is attractive to both trout and whitefish. When one winter whitefish is caught be assured more are nearby. There are some fishers who disdain whitefish. Fact is they are charter members of the trout family. In Rocky Mountain country, especially Montana and Wyoming, pursuing Whitefish exclusively on lake and river is a winter tradition. They are as valiant as trout in their struggle and the flesh is firm, white and sweet. One myth is that whitefish are bony. The small mouth (like a grayling) and bronze body tinge leads the untutored to identify them as some kind of sucker or chub. But a whitefish is no more bony than a salmon or trout. It has their companion bone structure. And there is that telltale fleshy adipose fin of the salmonid tribe. Not surprisingly, the Whitefish here in Oregon was referred to as “grayling”, especially by Deschutes River old-timers.

Crooked River whitefish catches are unlimited and it's two trout per day on flies or lures between Oct 31 and the end of May. Bait is only allowed during the high and muddy irrigation season. The web page for Westfly carries current reports on hatches and river conditions for the Crooked River. (Ed. note: bait is no longer allowed on the Crooked. Consult the current ODFW regulations for the latest regs.) — Tom McAllister

We didn't use any stones or orange shrimp but may the next time.... The Zebras and BWO's did the trick this time.

- RICH FITTERER

NEXT CAST/YOUTH PROGRAM

A 3 Day Fly Fishing Camp will be held on June 14, 15, & 16, 2021 at the ODFW Metolius pond, in partnership with the Redmond Park and Rec. The outdoor venue will create some new challenges, but the Bend Park and Rec was not interested in partnering with us. Thanks to Mary Barron an email blast was sent to COF members. There has been an excellent response to the call for volunteers. The camp provides 12 youth with an introduction to the following fly fishing skills: casting, knots, bug ID, the regulations, safely wading in the stream, and fly tying. They will be given time to practice their casting skills fishing. The goal is to provide each student with sufficient fly fishing skill so that they can become successful fly fishers.

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Hello Ladies, we will be offering 2 casting clinics in May with Mary Ann Dozer. Mary Ann has her Masters Casting Certification with Federation Flyfishers International and she is a valued member of COF and Wild Women. The clinics will be limited to 8 per class and are \$10 per participant per clinic. You can register for one or both clinics. We will meet at Clemens Park in Sisters. All skills are welcome. Watch for an email blast to register. The dates are Saturdays, May 8 & 15, 9am. We will require masks to be worn and 6ft distancing will be observed.

You can find out more about Mary Ann on her website, Flyfishing Pursuits, <https://flyfishingpursuits.org/>.

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OTHER NEW

Crooked River Cleanup

First off, it was really nice to see COF club members in person! Despite the masks I could even recognize some faces. About thirty members met April 10th at the Big Bend Campground for the Crooked River Cleanup. With such a good turnout we were able to clean up much of the area from the river bank to the highway.

A cold and overcast morning turned to a sunny and very windy afternoon. You can tell by the clothing in the photographs it was cold. As we had no litter cleanups last year, I noticed more yellow trash bags than usual along the highway as I gathered up the patrol signs.

For COF members who may not know of our service project we have 7 miles of the Crooked River Highway in the Oregon Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program. We pick up litter twice/year and ODOT provides vests, bags, and warning signs. Filled bags are left along the highway and ODOT picks them up the week following the event. The Central Oregon Flyfishers name appears on Adopt a Highway ODOT signs at mileposts 12 and 19.

ODOT employees always ask me to pass on their thanks to club members when I pick up and return their equipment or email the Prineville crew



in charge of the highway. If anyone fished that afternoon, I hope you found a sheltered spot from the wind.

Thank you, Todd Cary, for the photographs-

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The following was received from Jennifer Luke, the STEP Biologist for ODFW in Bend. COF will be making a donation to this worthy cause this year, as many of our members benefit greatly from the chub removal efforts in East lake) Tim Quinton, President

Thank You Central Oregon Flyfishers! Chub Removal in East and Paulina Lakes to Resume in 2021

Tui chub and blue chub were introduced to East and Paulina Lakes in the 1920's (likely as live bait), and since that time chub have negatively impacted the gamefish fishery, namely trout and kokanee salmon. Chub rapidly reproduce and under certain conditions they can reproduce more than once a year. Tui chub females can have 15,000 to 48,000 eggs and unchecked their population explodes. Various attempts



at controlling chub have been implemented, including spot treatments with rotenone piscicide and seining annually from 1947 through the 1980's. These methods of control were effective but were discontinued due to environmental concerns and the high cost.

ODF&W also introduced piscivorous salmonids to control chub, including brown trout, Atlantic salmon and Blackwater rainbows, but even for these fish there are too many chub to eat! In 2010, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife re-initiated a project to reduce the chub population with hopes to improve the trout fishery in East Lake. ODF&W staff, along with volunteers from Sunriver Anglers and Central Oregon Flyfishers mechanically removed chub with large fyke nets during the chub spawning season (July-August).

In 2012, Oregon State University Cascades internship program enlisted students to remove chub from East,

Paulina and Lava Lakes. In partnership with ODF&W, OSU students trapped and removed chub for five summers (2012-2014 and 2017, 2019) and monitored the effects of the removal effort. Chub removal will resume in 2021.

Data was collected over the last ten years to estimate and track the chub population in East Lake, and evaluate trout conditions in response to removal of chub. Zooplankton levels were assessed to determine forage available for young trout and kokanee salmon. Based on results from this data the removal of chub appears to be having a positive impact on trout condition and survival in East Lake, as well as improving angler catch rates and satisfaction. To date, approximately 61,000 lbs. of chub have been removed from East Lake, and 51,000 lbs. from Paulina Lake.

The total cost to remove chub, and monitor, for one summer is roughly \$25,000, this includes truck lease and fuel, boat fuel, ODF&W staff time, stipend and supplies. Donations from Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers and grants from ODF&W's Restoration and Enhancement program <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/RE/> provide funds for two students to trap and remove chub for 11 weeks. The students gain hands-on field experience, and a few of the "chub crew" alumni now have employment with ODF&W and USFS.

Donations from Central Oregon Flyfishers are essential to continue the chub removal program and provide important match dollars for the Restoration and Enhancement Program grant funds.

Thank you for your support. I hope the Central Oregon Flyfishers experience the direct benefits from chub removal this summer!

- JEN LUKE, ODFW

BOARD BITS

(A REVIEW OF THE 4/22/21 COF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING)

Recordings of our monthly ZOOM meetings will not take place. We will look into sharing live presentations on ZOOM when we resume live monthly meetings. We have no idea when we will be able to return to the Senior Center for these meetings. Likewise, our monthly board meetings will continue for the present on ZOOM. John will let the Environmental Center know.

We will discuss awards at another time. Please let Tim know if you have input.

Mary & Kari will synchronize all published calendars.

Phil Martin has offered to take over programs from Art. Thank you, Phil.

The BOD voted to support ODFW with their Tui and Blue Chub removal in East and Paulina Lakes. Tim will contact Jen for more details.

Kari and Mary will work to refine information in the Board Book.

Member Services: Bob reported 286 members. We have 36 new members since 1/1/21. Liz and Bob will be working on developing a matrix to track membership renewals from year to year.

Programs: Art reported that Scott Cook will present in May. All program information is in the newsletter.

Outings: The calendar should be checked to avoid conflicts with other activities.

Wild Women: Mary will post the presentation from Linda Grainer about pontoon boat set-ups.

Conservation: Tom will work on some information regarding bass fishing.

Kokanee Karnival: Frank is starting to work on finding out if we have enough volunteers for this Fall. Until we know that we can staff the program, Jen will not contact teachers to see if they want to participate.

Webmaster: Mary is always busy maintaining our great website! We still get occasional hacks into our website system, but all of the security settings we have available to us within Wild Apricot are set to prevent these as much as possible. People still find ways to get in, but we will continue to monitor them. Tim continues to report these hacks so there is no more that we can do. We have not had any harm to the club.

John Howard is working on our virtual fly collection and will add flies from time to time. Please check the website.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

Romir Chatterjee - Bend

Vincent Detweiler - Bend

Michael Funke - Bend

Susan Harrison - Redmond

Robert Hertzler - Sisters

Julia Jenkins - Boise

John Peterson - Sisters

Vivian Rockwell - Bend

Adam Spangler - Bend

Lynn Volz - Ridgefield, WA

Kathryn Wood - Bend

As of April 25, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 286. 36 new members have joined since January 1, 2021.

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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.

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- HELEN GUERRERO-RANDALL
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COF CLASSIFIEDS

You will find size 11, 12, & 14 Korker boots in this month's classifieds. Also available; Buck's Bags brand float tubes with accessories, Lamson reels, spare Lamson spools, and a Rio fly line.

FOR SALE: TWO LAMSON #2 REELS AND TWO SPARE SPOOLS The Lamson LP2 reels are great for 5 or 6 wt. rods. The reels are \$70 each and the spare spools are \$30. You can purchase a single reel, a reel and a spare or two, or get 'em all for a set of two reels with 2 spares. I also have a **RIO deep 5 sink 5wt line for \$30** that has never touched the water. Call or text Dave Semich at 541-382-1969.



FOR SALE: KORKERS WRAPTR-TECH WADING BOOTS, SIZE 12-\$75

One pair of size 12 Korkers Wraptr-Tech boots (older model), with 2 pairs interchangeable soles (1 pair Kling-on sticky sole and 1 pair felt). Sole stud on back of right boot is missing the side, sole attachment is not affected. Kling-on soles are in good condition, felts are new. Boots are ready to fish, many more trips left in these boots! Retail is \$175. Check out the Korkers website for all the info, contact Tim Quinton by phone at 509-392-3516 or email, cgtimq@gmail.com





FOR SALE: KORKERS TERROR RIDGE WADING BOOTS, SIZE 12 - \$90 One pair of size 12 Korkers Terror Ridge boots (current model), with 2 pairs interchangeable soles (1 pair Kling-on sticky sole and 1 pair aluminum bar). Soles are in good condition; aluminum bars are fully attached. Boots are ready to fish, many more trips left in these boots! Retail is \$175. Check out the Korkers website for all the info, contact Tim Quinton by phone at 509-392-3516 or email, cgtimq@gmail.com

FOR SALE: MENS DARKHORSE KORKERS WADING BOOTS SIZE US 11/EU44 \$140

BOA lace system, only used 4-5 times. I am replacing them with a women's specific boot. They come with a studded vibram sole and a vibram only sole. There are multiple other kinds of soles (felt etc.) available thru Korkers for purchase. I think the felt ones are \$40. Feel free to text or email me at 541-991-0337 or georgeanne@gwindisch.com



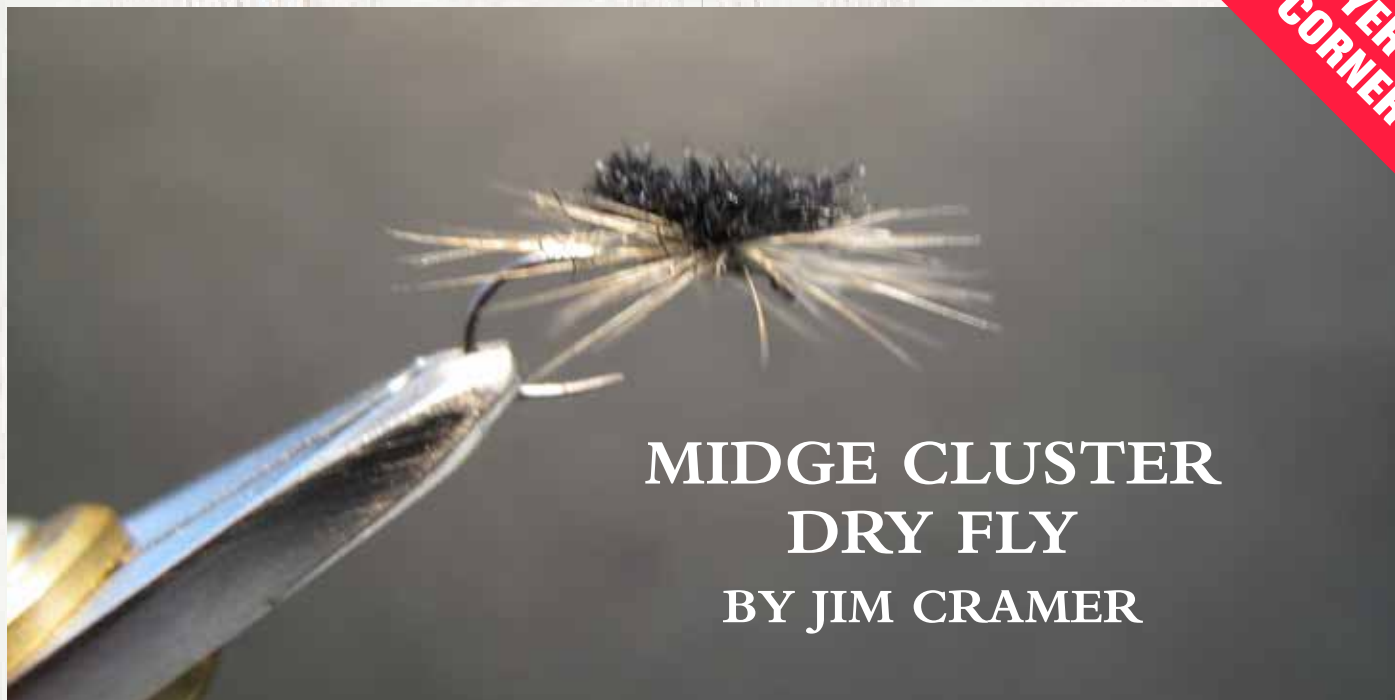
FOR SALE: TWO BUCKS BAGS BRAND MUSTANG FLOAT TUBES, PLUS FINS AND BOOTIES Enjoy Central Oregon's pristine lakes with matching Buck's Bags Mustang float tubes with fins and booties (same size but pictures make blue tube look larger). Have been used less than 1/2 a dozen times and are in great shape! \$450 OBO". Please contact Chris Cooper, ccoopergolfer@gmail.com, phone 541-350-1631.



FOR SALE: KORKERS K5 BOMBER WADING BOOTS, SIZE 14, \$50.00 Excellent shape, comes with new interchangeable plain felt or sticky rubber soles, I recommend you purchase studded felt soles (\$50) available from any local fly shop for our waters, retail price \$199.00, Peter Martin, call 541-388-8956 or email pcmartin@bendbroadband.com



MEMBERS: Got a "fishy item," (broadly defined), 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. JPEG photos are useful. - CLASSIFIEDS@COFLYFISHERS.ORG



MIDGE CLUSTER DRY FLY BY JIM CRAMER

Its coming, Spring is almost here and by the time you see this, Crane should be iced-off and fishing should be coming into its own. The “Covid Thing” has made a difference in every facet of our lives, and so fishing should be a good relief button for all of us. Get out and enjoy what we have, it is great blessing, and be thankful, considerate, patient, and most of all, have fun and be safe.

The fly this month is a repeat from 2017 but with some changes that make it more effective here in Central Oregon. It comes from Jim Cramer, a very innovative tyer from Calif. He showed me this fly many years ago. The “Midge Cluster” is just that, It imitates a cluster of midges like those that become entangled in back eddies and slow edges of rivers and streams. In lakes I find them around downed trees and weed lines or in Crane's case near the standing trees or stumps. The takes of these clusters can be very subtle so you need to pay attention to nose rises. Your presentation is dry

with, NO Drag and you need a little pause before setting the hook.

Materials

Hook: Standard dry fly hook #18 to # 12, note; light weight curved hooks can also be used

Thread: Black or lime green 14/0

Body: Black or lime green thread 14/0 to 8/0 and/or Black super fine dubbing, or in Crane's case lime green thread and a little LT. Olive ice dub

Wing/Post: Black Antron, yarn, Z-lon or EP fibers in a clump acting as a post for the hackle

Hackle: Lt. Dun, Grizzly or Badger, hackle is over sized by at least 2 sizes.

Head: Tying thread

Tying Instructions

1. Lock in the thread about eye width from the eye and wind rearward laying down a thread base about half down the hook shank.

2. Tie in the wing/post material, on Top of the hook shank, keep the wraps tight and close to the hook. Tying on top keeps the body slim which is what you want. Then pull the 2 ends of the post material and drop a small amount of head cement down the center of the posted material.
3. Tie in the dry fly hackle at the base and forward of the wing/post and then dub a very small amount dubbing, over the hackle tie in wraps, ending with the thread between the wing and the hook eye. Now wind the hackle around the wing/post keeping the wraps as close to the hook as you can. Tie off the hackle by winding the thread through the hackle like a normal posted dry fly, and tie off behind the hook eye.
4. Finish with a nice neat head of tying thread.

Good Luck and Good Hunting

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MAY 2021 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
May 2-6	Wa Eastside Lakes(Ephrata) Outing with Washington State Clark Skamania Flyfishers	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 8	Casting Clinic, 9am at Clemens Park in Sisters	Mary Ann Dozer
May 15	Casting Clinic, 9am at Clemens Park in Sisters	Mary Ann Dozer
May 16	Crane Prairie Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 17	Hosmer Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
May 19	COF Member ZOOM Meeting	
May 21-23	John Day River Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com

In the Future

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
June 14	Todd Lake Outing	Eric, whitehaus692@gmail.com
June 14-16	3-Day Fly Fishing Camp	Fred Cholick, fcholick@gmail.com



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