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## ■ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A year has passed since some 2500 fish were trapped in the side channel of Lava Island. A lot has happened since that event. Thanks to Mike Tripp and others, the irrigation districts agreed to a modified drawdown schedule. Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife stepped forward to lead a fish salvage effort using volunteers. The Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service are gathering data and taking photos as the river recedes. The information will be used in a Upper Deschutes River Basin study. The results were much better than anyone expected. There were 6902 fish relocated back into the Deschutes! Keep in mind that salvage is not a long term solution. But it can be the beginning of a cooperative effort to enhance the fishery in the upper Deschutes.

Kokanee Karnival completed a very successful Fall Streamside. Thanks to Frank Turek and all the volunteers.

– Dave Dunahay ([president@coflyfishers.org](mailto:president@coflyfishers.org))



## GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 19 | 7:00 p.m. general meeting | Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker has had an unavoidable last minute conflict arise. An announcement will be sent out as soon as an alternative program has been arranged.

## EDUCATION

### FLY TYING CLASSES THIS WINTER AT THE FLY FISHERS PLACE.

There will be 10 classes Starting November 1, 2014. The classes will be held on Saturday Afternoons 1PM – Ending at 4PM. Location: The Fly Fishers Place 151 W Main St. Sisters, OR 5 Tyers per class maximum.

\$15.00 per class, paid in advance to The Fly Fishers Place. Feel free to call for more information or to sign up.

Instructor: Sherry Steele 541-549-2072 [steelefly@msn.com](mailto:steelefly@msn.com)

DATES	CLASS #	CLASS NAME	DESCRIPTION
11/1/14	1	Tying Startup & Reviewing	Learn the basics
11/15/14	2	Beginning-int	Streamers for Western Lakes & Rivers

12/6/14	3	Beginning-int	Nymphs for Western Rivers
12/13/14	4	Beginning-int	Dry Flies for Western Rivers
1/24/15	5	Beginning-int	Latest 2015 new tying techniques
2/7/15	6	Int-Advanced	Designing your own flies
3/21/15	7	Int-Advanced	Learn the changes (size & Color) to make 1 pattern to represent several different bugs
3/28/15	8	Int-Advanced	Steelhead Flies for Deschutes
4/4/15	9	Int-Advanced	You pick the fly you want to learn to tie (suprise me) We will work through how to teach yourself to tie the fly
4/18/15	10	Make Up	This class is for anyone that missed a class that they paid for.

- Sherry Steele 541-549-2072 [steelefly@msn.com](mailto:steelefly@msn.com)

### THE COF WINTER FLY TYING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

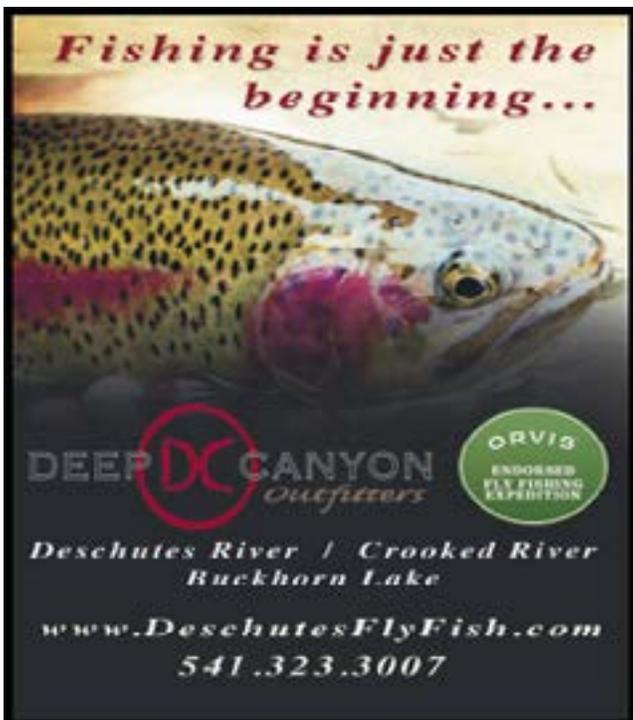
This year's COF Winter Fly Tying will be 13 weeks of intermediate/advanced fly tying sessions, beginning January 6. Plan on tying every Tuesday night through March 31. This is an opportunity to learn new techniques and re-stock your fly boxes.

Send me your ideas of the flies you would like to tie or the river/lake you plan to fish and I'll find a guest tyer. In an evening, each guest tyer will demonstrate two patterns. You will be able to tie a few of each fly, reinforcing the technique or pattern.

I'll create a list of everyone interested, so provide me with your email address and phone number. The list will be used to send out pattern sheets before each Tuesday night so you can determine if you'd like to join in the fun.

We'll meet at the Bend Senior Center on Tuesday nights (6:00 – 9:00 pm). Cost is \$5/night.

- John Kreft (503-559-3811, [jckreft@gmail.com](mailto:jckreft@gmail.com))



## WINTER SEMINAR

Saturday and Sunday February 21 & 22, 2015 | Bend RiverHouse & Convention Center

The Winter Seminar is a two-day event conducted every other year and hosted alternately by COF and the Sun River Anglers. This coming event will be hosted by COF and we are pleased to have world renowned angler & conservationist Craig Mathews of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop, West Yellowstone.

Craig and his wife Jackie have won numerous conservation awards for their environmental work such as “The Protector of Yellowstone National Park Award” presented by Yellowstone National Park, both The Nature Conservancy and Greater Yellowstone Coalition’s coveted conservation business of the year awards, and many more. Craig was Fly Rod and Reels “2005 World Angler of the Year”, Trout Unlimited’s “Stream Champion” in 2011 and honored with the Fly Tyer Magazine “Lifetime Achievement Award”.

Craig has authored and co-authored 9 important books on fishing. His latest, “Simple Fly-Fishing with Tenkara” was released in April 2014 and co-authored with Patagonia Inc. founder, Yvon Chouinard.

Craig co-founded 1% for the Planet an alliance of businesses donating 1% of their gross sales to researched and approved conservation causes. To date 1% for the Planet has donated over \$135 million to conservation and environmental programs.

Craig still ties 500-750 dozen flies each year. Craig enjoys writing and is working on another book this winter.

The December newsletter will have more details on the Winter Seminar and the course outline. Registration will begin December 10, 2014.

- Eric Steele, (541-549-2072 [steelefty2@msn.com](mailto:steelefty2@msn.com))

## MEMBERSHIP

Check your email on November 1, as your annual membership renewal invoice will be sent to you. You will be able to renew online and pay by credit card using PayPal, or you’ll be provided the club’s PO Box address if you prefer to mail a check. You can also bring checks to the monthly meeting and save a stamp. If you renew before January 1, the cost is \$30; after January 1, the price goes to \$36. You will also have an opportunity to make a donation to Kokanee Karnival by credit card using PayPal, or mail your check to the PO Box. If you have any questions about the renewal process or about the Wild Apricot membership management system, please contact me.

- Tim Schindele ([membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org))

## CONSERVATION

Last month I attended a meeting put on by the Bend Parks & Recreation District providing an overview of the new Riley Ranch Nature Reserve. This new park is currently in an advanced planning stage and is slated to open in 2016. Unlike other Bend parks, the mission of this project is to “protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and natural processes”. By all accounts, this is a unique piece of property with many wild features on the north-west edge of town. It includes 2 miles of Deschutes River frontage a little upstream from the confluence with Tumalo Creek.

This nature preserve will not have playgrounds or sports fields and will not allow dogs or mountain biking. It is to be a quiet, contemplative place for hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, and provide a natural “learning laboratory” for kids. There will be trails, including down to the river, out to Tumalo State Park, and to Shevlin Park. You can see plans for the park here: [http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Current\\_Projects/Park-Projects/Riley-Ranch/](http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Current_Projects/Park-Projects/Riley-Ranch/).

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I was impressed with the care being put into maintaining the existing natural features of this property. While some in the audience commented that there should be more traditional park development, most folks appreciated the position of the park district that not all parks can be all things to all people and this location offers the opportunity to create something unique in Bend. There was also concern about the potential harmful impact on the fishery from increased angling.

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Following the meeting I emailed project manager Jim Figurski the following:

“The comment was made that the fishery in that stretch of river may be negatively impacted by increased angler pressure. Further, given the high water temps during the summer, fish mortality rates may be high.

ODFW is in the middle of a multi-year study of this section of river. High water temps are certainly an issue, although some fish migrate to cooler sections as needed – up to the base of the NUID diversion dam, as well as down to the confluence with Tumalo Creek. Equally important to consider is the impact of increase foot (wader) traffic on spawning beds which are in increasingly short supply in that section of river. Not only are they being filled in by silt, but fluctuations in river levels due to irrigation diversions often expose spawning beds making them even more susceptible to damage from foot traffic.

I encourage you to reach out to Brett Hodgson, ODFW’s local fisheries biologist, in an effort to work with ODFW on signage for the new park. I know from personal experience that changing ODFW regulations is very difficult. Educating users with effective signage is an easier and often more effective strategy.”

Jim responded thanking me for my comments and stated that he would talk to Brett. Overall I was impressed with this project and believe that it will be a great addition to our community.

– Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair

## ■ WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### WILD WOMEN LOVE TO TIE FLIES

Come out and join us!! COF holds wonderful fly tying classes in the winter. If you would like to brush up on your skills or if you have never tied a fly before, join the November beginning fly tying classes! During the four Tues classes in November (Nov 4, 11, 18, 25...6-8pm), you will learn basic skills and tie

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some very common and easy flies. Classes are \$5 each and you don’t have to attend all of them. You don’t even have to have your own vise! COF provides it all!! Call Cliff Price 541 410 0670 or Steve Stevens 254 212 9622 for more information or to sign up. Then....you are ready to join the big boys and girls starting in January when COF hosts different fly tiers every Tues.....great fun and camaraderie!



(L to R) Linda, Sherry and Kathleen tying flies

Wild Women of the Water Holiday Party!! Join us for our annual holiday fun! Once again, LeeAnn has graciously provided her house for this super event when we all get together and tell the biggest fishing stories!! How about Friday night, December 5, 6pm? Bring a potluck dish to share with everyone and a fishing related gift under \$10 for the White Elephant gift exchange. More details to follow.

– Kari Schoessler ([wildwomen@coflyfishers.org](mailto:wildwomen@coflyfishers.org))

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## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS



Several of the Next Cast Flyfishers will be joining the COF beginner fly tying classes in November. As a follow-up to our other activities, including the 3-day Fish Camp, our young anglers are going to further their skills in the fly tying classes.

Each of them have their own tying vises and some materials, but the classes will help them learn how to use some of the tools. We have been very fortunate as the recipient of donations of fly tying materials. Many of these items are used (thread, beads, dubbing, feathers) but will be perfect to add to the inventory of the young tiers. They will be very excited to have a second spool of thread—perhaps in a new color!

Additionally, they will have time to practice each week and learn some new techniques beyond tying Woolly Buggers. Their goal is to fill a fly box!

We will also invite our young tiers to the December club meeting where we feature fly tying and have some items for sale.

This may be the incentive to get them to a monthly meeting with a chance of winning a new fly box in the raffle!

- Karen Kreft (503.409.0148 nextcast@coflyfishers.org)

## KOKANEE KARNIVAL

### THANK YOU TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL FALL STREAMSIDE VOLUNTEERS

We held our Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 22 through 26. We had 11 classes of 5th grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attend our sites at Sheep Bridge and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to all your help. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their feelings.



I hope you saw coverage KTVZ provided on Sept 22. I am working to get a link for the news report for our website.

There were lots of Kokanee in the streams this year and the students had a great time spotting fish in the shallows. We had a total of 23 volunteers participate. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions and very attentive. Our thanks to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank the following people for volunteering to make the Fall Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 342 hours of time and 3,907 miles.

Angela Sitz	Bill Lincoln
Bill Raleigh	Cheryl Miller
Cliff Price	Corol Ann Cary
Dan Pebbles	Dave Dunahay
Frank Turek	Gary Gehlert
Herb Blank	Janie Bowles
Jen Luke	Jerry Criss
Jessica Ruthardt	Kari Schoessler
Kathy Schroeder	Marv Yoshinaka
Sandy Dunahay	Shelly Higlrs
Tom Walker	Van Lewing
Vivian Rockwell	

Now that the Fall Streamside is complete, the Kokanee Karnival Board will start planning for the Spring Angling Clinic in April. I hope to see all of you there.

### KOKANEE KARNIVAL CERTIFIED ANGLING INSTRUCTOR CLASS

The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program will be offering a one day Certified Angling Instructor class in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The expected date of the class will be a Saturday in December or January. The mission of Kokanee Karnival is the education of our youth to become good fishermen and environmental stewards. The primary way we accomplish this mission is through volunteerism. Kokanee Karnival volunteers teach our Fall Streamside and Spring Angling Clinic field programs and our classroom programs including; Angler Education, Fish Dissection and Fish Eggs to Fry. The lead instructor for the classroom programs must be a Certified Angling Instructor. Kokanee Karnival has made a positive impact on thousands of children in Central Oregon since 1996 and as a result, the Kokanee Karnival has earned praise and respect in not just Central Oregon but throughout the state.

The Certified Angling Instructor class is a part of the ODFW Angler Education program. Many of you have completed the class and are Certified Instructors. We are seeking

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additional volunteers and are making this class available at no cost to those who are interested. We are coordinating with Mr. Shahab Farzanegan, the head of the ODFW Angler Education Program to come to Bend to teach the Certified Angling Instructor class. This is a one day class and ODFW provides all materials and lunch.

If you are interested, please contact Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us (541) 388-6366 or Frank Turek at waldo1ft@msn.com (541) 318-7507 or Dan Pebbles pebbles@tyeeinl.com (206) 618-8917. We will provide you with a Certified Angling Instructor application. When the application is returned to ODFW, the State conducts a background check of the applicant. The next step is attending the one day class. When you complete the class you will receive an ODFW Angling Education instructor hat, shirt complete with ODFW logos as well as your own name tag and ID card. With the uniform, you have instant credibility for whatever volunteer program you choose to participate.

*Frank Turek (waldo1ft@msn.com)*

## ■ SOCIAL MEDIA

Fall is here and while you might not be fishing as much as you were this summer, it is still important for us to show our support for the club. Please remember to log onto Facebook and “Like” the COF Facebook page. Also, don’t forget to email me any pictures that you have of any outings or fish you’ve caught - these are great ways to show the community what a great club we are! Finally, if anyone needs help setting up, managing or navigating Facebook, I am here to help via email or in person. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped support the Page thus far.

<https://www.facebook.com/CentralOregonFlyfishersClub>

*-Molly Vernarecci (mollyvernarecci@gmail.com)*

## TYER'S CORNER



### November Fly of the Month

Hook:	Alan Jackson Covert Nymph Hook-Black
Thread	mono, black for the thorax
Bead	White, sized appropriately to the hook size
Body	BR red wire, x-small silver wire and uv resin
Thorax	Black thread and mirage opal tinsel appropriate for the size of the thorax

I have been experimenting with hook color on my chironomids this summer and have had some good results. This one incorporates all of my favorite stillwater colors. I really like this concept because of the 3D effect that it creates and the life like appearance that it creates when wet.

Tying directions: Put the bead onto the hook and start the thread just behind it. Tie in the two wires side by side on top of the hook and loosely over wrap with the mono thread to and around the bend of the hook. Wrap the two wires together in loose spirals to the bead and tie off with the mono thread. Start the black thread behind the bead, tie in the mirage opal tinsel and build up a thorax. Put a thin cover of uv resin on the fly and harden with a uv light.

*Mike Telford (mandstelford@bendbroadband.com)*

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## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>November</b>				
<b>Nov 6</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b>	Environmental Center	Dave Dunahay
<b>Nov 8</b>	9:00 am	<b>Annual Board Retreat</b>	Steele Residence	Dave Dunahay
<b>Nov 19</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Monthly Meeting &amp; Annual Election Officers</b>	Bend Senior Center	Cliff Price
<b>In the future</b>				
Winter Seminar - Craig Mathews; February 21 & 22, 2015, Bend Riverhouse & Convention Center, (Eric Steele steelefly2@msn.com)				
Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, March 13&14, 2015, Linn County Fair Grounds, Albany, OR				
COF Banquet, April 11, 2015				
IFFF 50th Anniversary, August 11-15, 2015, RiverHouse Convention Center, Bend, OR; Contact: Sherry Steele steelefly@msn.com				

**2014 COF Board Members:** Dave Dunahay PRESIDENT Vacant VICE PRESIDENT Joe Wierzba TREASURER Cliff Price SECRETARY Mike Tripp Programs Debbie Norton Banquet  
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