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## President's Message

As I write this column, I have just returned from 2 fishing trips in the Northwest: the Upper Columbia River (from Northport, WA to the Canadian border), and the Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers 4-day float (from Minam to just above Troy). Both trips were outstanding, with excellent guides and many fish caught. Kudos to The Evening Hatch (Ellensburg, WA) (guide Justin Hotchkiss) on the Columbia, and Eastern Oregon River Outfitters (guides/owners Andrew Hasbrook and Austin Boswell). I'll be putting these trip reports on the website soon, be on the lookout for an email blast alerting you! I encourage any of our members who have trips to share with the club to send them to me.

A big CONGRATS to Mary Barron for being our COF Fly Fisher of the Year for 2020! Mary has probably been the hardest working COF member for the past year; keeping our website organized and current is a BIG job. Mary does it seamlessly and with a smile!

ODFW has closed the entire Deschutes River to steelhead fishing, as well as an early closure for Coho, for the remainder of the year. See this link for the press release: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2021/09\\_Sep/092821d.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2021/09_Sep/092821d.asp)

Be on the lookout for your membership renewal notice, which will be sent out in November; contact Bob Shimane if you have any questions.

Jeff Perin (The Fly Fishers Place) wrote an excellent note about boat ramp etiquette in his Fishing Update column on Sept 12 (scroll to the bottom of the fishing reports:

<https://flyfishersplace.com/2021/09/12/fishing-update-september-12-2021/>).

It's one of my pet peeves too, and something we should all follow!

Video of the month: This month we'll take a look at how one person organizes his gear while fishing. The video is from The Tactical Fly Fisher series, and looks at what Devon carries in his fishing packs and what he wears while wet wading. This video tackles both of these topics. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTSfL\\_FvbYw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTSfL_FvbYw)

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!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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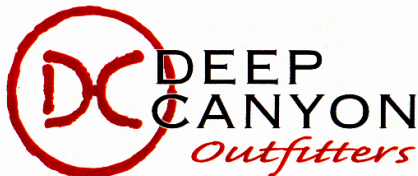
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**T**his This month Jason Wilcox will be giving a presentation on the Deep Creek Restoration Project. Jason is the Fisheries Program Manager for the U. S. Forest Service in Central Oregon, Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland. For nearly 20 years with the USFS in Oregon, from Siuslaw National Forest to the Umatilla National Forests, Jason has focused on habitat restoration in support of native fish and other aquatic species.

Deep Creek is a tributary of the North Fork Crooked River and remains a genetic stronghold for native redband trout within the Crooked River Basin. The watershed is classified as “Functioning at Risk” by a Forest Service analysis due to past land management practices that bermed the channels and reduced vegetative cover.

The Lower Deep Creek Restoration Project will improve spawning habitat for redband trout by reconnecting the channel to its historic floodplain and adding large woody debris to increase shade and complexity. Similar work has taken place in recent years on sections of McKay, Trout, and Auger Creeks.

The project is undertaken in partnership with Trout Unlimited, and with grant support from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

Jason’s presentation will include an overview of this project’s objectives, pioneering restoration methods implemented to date, initial ecological responses to treatments, and future adaptive management and monitoring plans for the area.

2021 COF

*Program Schedule*

**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





## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### Walton Lake Roundup

The Wild Women had a great time at Walton Lake which is just outside Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest. The small lake is stocked each September with really big fish and they are great fun to catch. Our outings are always about more than fishing and evenings around the campfire is always the highlight of our time together. Each evening we watched the full moon rise over the tree tops and under its late night glow elk bugling serenaded the campground. And amazingly, our Wild Women were on the spot assisting in the rescue of 2 boaters whose boat had overturned in the lake. An important reminder, ALWAYS wear a PFD when lake fishing and carry a whistle to signal for help. These 2 gentlemen were fortunate folks heard their cries for help. As we move into Fall and Winter be on the lookout for upcoming Wild Women zoom events and organized gatherings.

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## CONSERVATION

### Avengers Infinity War vs End Game

This spring as we exited from Covid shutdowns, I had the opportunity to visit with my grandson and watch two movies on the TV. The movies we watched were the Avengers Infinity War and Avengers End Game. It is interesting how the plot of these two movies show how some people would like to solve environmental problems facing us now.

In Avengers Infinity War an evil man Thanos solved the overpopulation problem in the world by snapping his fingers and eliminating half the population. I like all my children and all 4 of my grandkids. The thought of eliminating half of them is not a good idea. Some people do feel there are too many human beings on the planet and feel a reduction in population may be the best solution to the environmental problems faced in the present time. My grandson was disturbed when half of his favorite avengers disappeared. I told him in the next movie the good guys would change this outcome.



In Avengers End Game Hollywood produced a film where most of the damage from the first movie was corrected by use of time travel. Time travel is a good theme for Hollywood productions producing lots of revenue to the film makers. Some people now feel to restore the fish runs in the Columbia River we need to travel back in time to before the dams were constructed on the Snake River and change history. They think we can change one thing in our past and maintain much of the present world in a parallel universe. A study team of respected individuals determined the costs or damage to the present situation would not balance the benefits of the proposed changes in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed by the federal government agencies. They recommended the dams not be removed after completing this analysis.

The proper way to make decisions in the present world is to use this sort of a team approach outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Next month I will talk more about the elements of the NEPA decision making process.

Notice of the federal EIS has been published in several locations. The attached references are for several summaries of the completed EIS;

<https://thelens.news/2020/02/28/new-eis-opposes-snake-river-dam-removal/>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/10/08/2020-22147/record-of-decision-columbia-river-system-o>

<https://www.opb.org/article/2020/08/04/federal-study-recommends-keeping-snake-river-dams-in-place-with-congress-having-final-say/>

Any club member is free to review the published references for more information on this issue.

Informal discussion is continuing on this issue. The latest article I read was a proposal from a Washington Senator to close a sea port in Idaho to protect irrigated farm land in the state of Washington by draining two of the four snake river hydro dams. No detailed NEPA analysis of this new idea has been completed at this time.

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## NEXT CAST/YOUTH PROGRAM

Larry Thorson of La Pine donated 3 boxes of fly tying material and a fly tying set to Next Cast. In addition, he donated rod making material, thread and several books. I enjoyed visiting with Larry. He indicated that he is cleaning out his fly tying shop and wanted the donated items to assist the next generation of fly fishers. Above is a picture of Larry and a couple of the fly tying feathers he donated. Thanks Larry for supporting the next generation of fly fishers.

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## EDUCATION

### Basic Skills and Winter Fly Tying Classes

We're still hopefully on track to have both in person Basic Skills and later, Winter Fly Tying classes next Jan - March. Rooms are reserved, resources are ready, and Presenters are available. Looking to start out, all Tuesday evenings in January, with four meetings of a Basic Skills class at Larkspur Community Center. Following that, Tuesdays in February and March, would be the Winter Fly Tying classes similar to what we've had in past years.

What we're short on are volunteers. This is your

club. It's only as good as you make it. The Basic Skills classes are mostly for those new to tying, and do best with more individual coaching. We have a lot of new people in COF this year, probably a fair number of them interested in tying. We likely need at least 6 people willing and able to step in and help. Don't need to be John Kreft or Jerry Criss level tyers, just have a good familiarity with the basics, and a desire to share some good times.

We probably just need 1 - 2 more people, more experienced, to help out with the Winter Fly Tying in February and March. These classes are designed for at least intermediate level tyers, but there are usually some participants that are a bit enthusiastic in self evaluation of their tying skill level.

For those willing and able, please contact John Howard.

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## BOARD BITS

(BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ZOOM MEETING  
SEPT 23, 2021)

The COF BOD Annual Retreat and Budget ZOOM meeting will take place on Oct 2.

Air Quality Sensors for the Cascade Lakes Highway resorts has been suggested. It was suggested that the resorts and COF split the cost 50/50. The resorts need to be contacted. Liz needs to finalize the 2022 budget to get a handle on whether the expense is reasonable. The matter was tabled.

In person meetings at Larkspur Center was discussed. Hopefully, meetings will resume in January. Our August BBQ demonstrated that in person social interaction is important. COF Basic Skills and Winter Fly Tying could also be impacted by COVID, affecting room capacity, masking requirements, and health risks. Sherry Steele will be starting her virtual fly tying sessions later this year.

Congratulations to Mary Barron, our 2020 Flyfisher of the Year! Apologies for not announcing this at the August BBQ.

We need members to step up and volunteer for various board positions for 2022. Education, Raffles, Banquet and PRESIDENT. We also need individuals in the pipeline for the critical positions of Treasurer and

Webmaster. Please consider volunteering!!!

Membership - Bob - 392 members. Membership renewals are coming up. Notices are sent out mid-November. Bob is ordering name tags.

Wild Women of the Water - Sue - WWW had a successful outing at Walton Lake. Fall and Winter events are being planned.

Next Cast - Fred - Fred met with Larry Horton who donated fly tying materials and a vise, along with rod wrapping tools.

Conservation - Tom - Watch for redds in the Deschutes. Salmon are spawning.

Kokanee Karnival - Frank - no budget requests for 2022.

Webmaster - Mary - the website and ZOOM meetings are working smoothly.

Programs - Art - Programs for the remainder of 2021 are in place. Yancy Lind is the new Program director starting January 1, 2022

- KARI SCHOESSLER  
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## MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome to Our New Members

**Bob Keane - San Mateo, California**

**Connor Zook - Bend**

As of September 23, 2021, Central Oregon Flyfishers counts a total membership of 319 which comprise Individual 149, Family 104, Out of Area Individual 28, Out of Area Family 7, Honorary Life Members 15, Youth/Next Cast 6 and Shop 10.

Membership renewals will be sent out in November, so be on the lookout for them and renew early. Payment can be made by credit card or check. We anticipate resuming in person meetings and classes in early 2021 so long as Covid-19 is under control and the Larkspur Community Center is available for our use. New members who join through the end of the year will be considered paid in full through 2022. We look forward to your continued support

- ROBERT SHIMANE  
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## LIBRARY

COF library services will resume once monthly meetings restart at the Larkspur Community Center. The Center is now open to the public, but with the resurgence of COVID, COF will not be holding our monthly meetings there until further notice. Our DVD collection and a select number of books, will be available for checkout once monthly meetings resume.

Sign in on our website <https://coflyfishers.wildapricot.org>, click on Members Area and select Library to see a list of our books and DVDs. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email Helen Guerrero-Randall, the club librarian.

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## COF CLASSIFIEDS

**FREE: CABALAS WOMEN'S WADING BOOTS**, Size 8, Felt Bottoms. In very good condition. They run a bit small. Probably would fit someone with a size 6.5 or 7 shoe size, Linda Greiner, 925 389-0779



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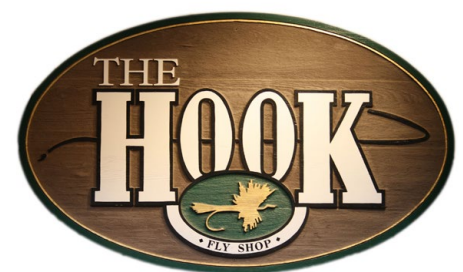


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## BLACK PERDIGON/ PROVO PELLETT

**M**y Fly of the Month in the June 2018 COF newsletter was “Perdigons”. Since that article appeared in the newsletter my fishing partners and I have caught hundreds of rainbows and mountain whitefish on the Crooked River using various perdigon patterns – some classed as “imitative” and some classed as “attractors”. Under varying conditions (i.e., river flows, hatches, and water clarity) both types work. As a refresher on perdigons, take a look at the June 2018 article in the COF newsletter archives.

This summer, the weekly Blue Ribbon Fly Shop newsletter listed the Black Perdigon as one of the most successful nymph patterns on the Madison River. The Spring 2020 issue of Flytyer magazine has a good article by Paul Shepard about perdigons entitled “The Perdigon Revolution”. One of the patterns he lists is the Provo Pellet. He said it is his best selling fly and quite possibly his most productive. Both patterns are nearly identical. I tied up some Black Perdigos and used them on the Crooked this year. This pattern works great! I’ve used it under different conditions (morning and afternoon) before, during, and after mayfly hatches. Tie up some and give them a try. I use size 16 most but size 18 during the low flows (before and after irrigation season).

### Materials:

**Hooks:** Size 16 and 18 straight shank nymph hooks and size 16 jig hooks.

**Beads:** Gold and silver brass or slotted tungsten beads (2.4 to 2.0 mm).

**Thread:** Black 8/0 (I like threads that flatten like Ultra thread).

**Tail:** 6-7 fibers of Coq de Leon (CDL) dark colors.

**Rib:** Sulky metallic silver (I get it at JoAnn Fabric store).

**Collar:** 8/0 Florescent fire orange or red thread.

### Tying Instructions:

1. Debarb hook and add a bead of choice
2. Start thread and wrap back to hook bend.
3. Tie in the CDL fibers such that the tail is hook shank length.
4. Attach a 4” piece of Sulky thread.
5. Wrap a thin tapered body with black thread back to the bead (see photo).
6. Spiral wrap the Sulky thread back to the bead (hint: I coat the thread body with a light coat of brushable super glue to keep the threads in place).
7. Tie off Sulky with a 3-turn whip finish.
8. Add a collar of orange or red thread and coat the entire fly with UV resin or clear finger nail polish.

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## OCTOBER 2021 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
October 20	COF General Members' ZOOM Meeting @ 6:00	



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