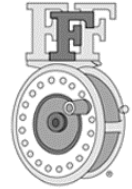




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## OCTOBER OUTING

Saturday, October 18, 9:00AM

Metolius River, Allen Springs Campground

Harry Harbin/Ron Anderson

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 15, 6:30PM- 8:30PM

Central Oregon Board Of Realtors

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council

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## RANDOM CASTS

Over the Labor Day weekend, my nephew and his family came to Bend for a visit. Although David and I have spent time together, we had never done any fly-fishing. Upon their arrival, we spent a couple of hours on the lawn getting the casting timing worked out. The next morning, I took Dave and his son, Jason, to the Crooked River for the day. Neither one of them had ever done any fly-fishing before. I want to share the note that I received from him on his return to Yamhill:

"Dan,

I would like to thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to school Jason and myself in the fine art of fly-fishing. We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. This is something we are still talking about, and will be for quite some time. There were levels of both frustration and satisfaction, which always enhances the experience of doing anything. The frustrations included untangling the line from around bushes and weeds, losing flies one right after the other, and pulling vegetation from the hook rather than a fish. The satisfactions were getting it right, seeing the fly float down on the water as if it were coming down to take a swim, feeling the tug on the pole from the line just as you finish saying to yourself "and three"" then flicking your wrist forward or back to watch the line ride the air to some hopefully known destination. There were even moments of fear when the fly's path put you right in the way, causing you to duck just at the right moment to avoid having the only live catch of the day be you, often unsuccessfully. The scenery was breathtaking, the way the canyon walls closed down to a small opening wide enough to allow the river and one road to run through it, then open up again to reveal the beauty of Mother Nature at her life long work.

Thank you for sharing such an experience not seen by many. Thank you for the introduction to a new pleasure that this life has to offer, and for being so passionate about it.

Enjoy and remember, in the words of Marcus Aurelius, "What is divine is full of providence."

Sincerely and in you debt,  
David Hartford"

It is my feeling that anyone who has not taken the opportunity to go to the river or the lake to try his hand at this art will be awed by the experience, just like David was. And those of us who have been at it for years will fondly remember what it was like the first few times we tried to land our fly right where it should go. I have often mentioned in Random Casts the value of sharing our love of fly fishing, and to receive this letter was such a big pay off for me I had to share it with you in the hope that you might also get a "big pay off" from a friend, neighbor or loved one. We have an outing scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>. Why not sign up right now and not let another day pass without experiencing the frustration and satisfaction of fly-fishing? If you are lucky you will get a letter that is a BIG dividend for a small amount of time and a few fly's.

Your Pal,  
Dan

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### **OCTOBER PROGRAM**

Do you love your River? Do you know where it comes from? Do you know who takes care of it? Do you know of problems with it? Do you know what is being done to solve "the problems"?

If you love the Deschutes and all it does for you, come to the October meeting to get answers to these questions. Ryan Houston, Executive Director of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, will present a wonderful overview of Council activities and how COF can interact and support efforts to enhance the Deschutes. We are talking slide show!!

The meeting is free so bring a friend. You can afford to come because it's FREE!

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### **CLYDE "THE GUIDE" KELLER MEMORIAL BENCH**

In the September newsletter we reported the passing of one of our founding and most active members, Clyde Keller. The COF board felt that, for this very active and generous member, some special recognition would be most appropriate. Through the 1980's and 1990's, Clyde taught fly-fishing and casting at what was once the "Hatchery Building", and now is rebuilt as Aspen Hall. COF met at this location rent-free for many years due to the Parks and Recreation classes that Clyde and COF taught. At this site, Clyde participated in our Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program helping teach hundreds of children to appreciate fish, fishing, and our environment. Clyde also donated quality original art to our fund-raisers for 20 years. His generosity as the

man to call on when you needed information, entertainment or help is legendary.

Bend Park and Recreation has agreed to place a permanent memorial bench overlooking Shevlin Pond at Aspen Hall. What a special location in honor of Clyde! An example of this permanent bench may be viewed at the southeast end of the Drake Park "dog beach area". This park bench is the only currently acceptable "memorial" used by Bend Parks and Recreation. The one time cost for this bench is \$1440. We encourage all COF members interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to send their checks payable to "Bend Parks and Recreation Foundation", memo mark "Clyde Keller, Jr. Bench". Please send your checks to COF, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709. Let's all get behind honoring this very special COF member!

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### **THE CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote the preservation and conservation, for future generations, of Central Oregon's watershed and it's fisheries through education, the practice of stewardship and the art of fly-fishing. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for its membership to participate in a community of fly-fishing, fellowship and public service.

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### **COF ELECTIONS**

It is that time of year when the COF election committee begins it's search for officers, members of the board of directors and various committee chairpersons. The election committee will publish the candidates in the newsletter, and we will have elections at the November 17th general membership meeting. If you have an interest in serving your club, or just want more information, please contact Ron Anderson or Neal Buxton.

This is your opportunity to pay back some of the good fortunes you have experienced in this life, and in the bargain have the chance to work with the finest group of men and women I have ever known. I mean intelligent, generous and caring people who are not only fly fishing "crazy's" but really wonderful people who take great interest in their hobby and community. You will develop friendships that you will have for the rest of your life. In short, your participation will pay you back more than you ever imagined or expected.

You may have noticed a new addition to this news letter, the COF Mission Statement, and I hope you will read the statement a couple of times or more. Its purpose is

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three fold: 1. To give our members the answer to the question—"So you're a member of Central Oregon Flyfishers, what is that club all about?" 2. To give the officers and board of director's leadership direction. 3. To define for the public our goals and aspirations.

Some of you may have never before had the opportunity to look at your mission statement, and others have read it a hundred times. I know that each time I read it; it makes me feel inspired and proud to be a small part of an organization that is actively pursuing a goal that will be both meaningful and beneficial to others when I have gone on to the "Big Fishing Hole". I sincerely hope you consider serving our club and it's members.

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### FLY TIERS - AWAKE!

Last week I stood in the Crooked River and peered into the little box of flies that I use on that river. The little bitty blue wing olives and midges were hatching prolifically, and the fish were really rising to the occasion.

Unfortunately, by this time of year all the mayflies that I had left were #14 and up, the few pheasant tails were well chewed, and the Griffith's Gnats were non-existent. Like everyone, I suppose, I had rather spend my spare time fishing when the weather is nice, and tie the flies during the long, cold nights of winter. It has been a good summer, and supplies are low!

In response to last year's excellent attendance, COF will once again host free fly tying get-togethers every Tuesday night starting November 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing at least through February. We will be meeting at the Bend Trap Club from 6:30PM until 8:30PM each Tuesday. All members and guests are welcome, and the cost is free, although we do pass the hat for the Trap Club, which kindly allows us the free use of their facility.

It doesn't really matter if you are an expert tier, a rank beginner or somewhere in between. We have several vices and tools that we can share with beginners, and half the fun is visiting with other members of the club. If you are a beginner looking for lessons, please plan to attend the first few sessions so we can establish a group that can progress through a series of lessons together. See the November newsletter for driving directions. We will not meet December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> due to the holidays.

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### OCTOBER OUTING, METOLIUS RIVER

I don't think that there is anyone in Central Oregon who has any doubts about the beauty of the Metolius River.

However, many experienced fly fishermen take a look at the swift water and deep slots in the river and just can't get their minds around the concept of fishing it, particularly the swift lower stretches which are open in the winter. Where are some good spots to fish that won't knock your feet out from under you, or better yet, where could you fish from the shore? And where the heck is this "dollie hole" that everyone talks about?

On Saturday, October 18 at 9:00AM COF will meet at the Allen Springs Campground on the Metolius, just downstream of the fish hatchery (look for the COF banner). Harry Harbin will lead a short discussion on Bull Trout fishing followed by Ron Anderson on nymphing strategies for rainbow trout. This will be followed by a discussion of perhaps the most important issue in this stretch, where to fish. Harry and Ron will then lead a caravan on a short tour of some of their favorite "holes".

One of the major attractions of the Metolius is the winter fishing that will be upon us before you know it. When the lower Deschutes closes to steelhead the end of December, and you just can't face going to the Crooked River AGAIN, this is the place for challenging trout and bull trout fishing. On the Metolius we are limited to the stretch between Alingham Bridge and Bridge 99 in the winter (this will be on the tour), but there is plenty of water to fish and no crowds. Check the regulations, this is catch and release, barbless hooks only.

Be sure to bring waders (no hip boots here!) and a wading staff. Come equipped for both nymph fishing and dry flies (mostly small blue wing olive), but remember that nymphing in this fast water requires weight. Since this is fly fishing only water, you cannot add lead split shot to your leader, hook or line (see the regulations). You need some nymphs that are selected more for weight than fish catching ability as your point fly, and small nymphs such as blue wing olive size pheasant tails (18, 20) and a green drake nymph or two as your dropper fly. A Copper John tied with a tungsten bead makes a great, fast sinking fly that actually catches fish! Tie some with various size beads and you can cover a lot of swift water conditions. A stonefly nymph with two or more cone heads in the body and lots of lead substitute wire also works, but has a bigger, slower sinking profile. Bring a severn or eight weight with a floating line (a steelhead rig is perfect) if you want to try bull trout, but remember that they are just finishing their spawn and you might want to wait a little longer. Bring a five or even six weight to toss some heavy nymphs for

the rainbow trout. The new super strong fluorocarbon tippet works great because you never know when you might connect to a bull trout while nymphing for rainbows! And don't forget to bring your lunch!

The ODFW redd surveys (assisted by COF volunteers) of both bull trout and rainbow trout show substantial and increasing populations of good fish. If you tried the Metolius five or six years ago and were disappointed with the results, you need to give it another shot. And if you are new to the area or just have never tried it, this is your chance to pick up enough "good spots" and advice in a single day to get you started on some successful fishing in a beautiful location.

Contact Harry Harbin, 388-8841 or Ron Anderson at 312-0013. We have eight signed up so far.



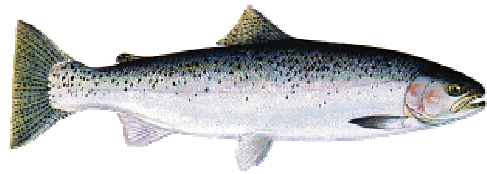
### **COF Collects Trash (Refrigerator Door Anyone?) at August Outing**

#### **AUGUST OUTING A SUCCESS!**

Thanks to the dozen or so COF members who cleaned up and fished the land at Three Bridges on the Middle Deschutes. This Nature Conservancy land with a conservation easement is now a legal fishing spot for COF members. Ask one of the members that attended the outing for details and location.

#### **ATTENTION STEELHEAD ENTHUSIASTS**

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking volunteers to help with collection of steelhead from the lower Grande Ronde River in October 2003. Our goal is to collect 100 or more adult hatchery steelhead returning to the Grande Ronde River in the fall for hatchery brood stock. We hope to select for early arrival of hatchery steelhead to the Grande Ronde basin



to improve fall steelhead angling in the Grande Ronde and reduce straying into other river systems.

We will collect Steelhead by hook and line (FISHING!) during October 13-17 and 20-24, 2003.

Camping area and vault toilet will be available at Griz Flats, Wenaha Wildlife Area, Troy, Oregon. Meals will be served at the camping area. Volunteers will need to provide their own fishing and camping gear. Meals and soft drinks will be provided. If you are interested in helping, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU PRIOR TO OCTOBER 8. Please contact Brad Smith or Bill Knox, Enterprise Field Office of ODFW, (541) 426-3279 or email at [gofish@oregontrail.net](mailto:gofish@oregontrail.net)

Volunteers will need to complete a State of Oregon agreement on terms of volunteer service and attend a brief orientation prior to participating.

#### **MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The Central Oregon Flyfishers meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Central Oregon Association of the Board of Realtors, 2112 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, Oregon 97701. The monthly gatherings start at 6:30 PM and the program begins at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Invite a neighbor or a friend to join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2003.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

A special welcome to new members! Look for board members with their green and white nameplates at the next meeting if you have any questions or special interests, and look up Delores Marsh, our Member Services committee chairperson at the back of the room if you have any membership issues, and to pick up your membership packet.

Don Schnack

Peter & Lindy Hanson

Dalton Miller-Jones

Roger Fairfield

Jeff & Kathy Smith

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT/LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>OCT</b>	October 4	<b>COF Board Retreat and Meeting</b>	Dan Driskill
	October 15	<b>Membership Meeting, Central Oregon Board of Realtors, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council</b>	Dan Driskill
	October 18	<b>Metolius River Outing, Allen Springs,</b>	Ron Anderson, Harry Harbin
	October 25	<b>Articles Due for News Letter</b>	Harry Harbin
	October 27	<b>COF Budget Committee Meeting</b>	Neal Buxton
<b>NOV</b>	November 6	<b>COF Board Meeting, 7:00PM Environmental Center</b>	Dan Driskill
	November 4,11,18	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill
	November 19	<b>Membership Meeting and Election of Officers, Board of Realtors, Winter Fishing in Oregon</b>	Dan Driskill
	November 25	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill
	November 25	<b>Articles Due for News Letter</b>	Harry Harbin
<b>DEC</b>	December 2,9,16	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill
	December 4	<b>COF Board Meeting and New Board Member Orientation, 7:00PM, Environmental Center</b>	Dan Driskill
	December 19	<b>Kokanee Karnival Steering Committee Meeting</b>	Phil Hager
	December 17	<b>Membership Meeting, Central Oregon Board of Realtors, COF Fly-tying Demonstration</b>	Dan Driskill
	December 21	<b>Articles Due for News Letter</b>	Harry Harbin
<b>JAN</b>	January 1	<b>Outing, Crooked River, Jakes Truck Stop, 9:00AM</b>	Gordon Chandler
	January 6	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill
	January 8	<b>COF Board Meeting, 7:00PM Environmental Center</b>	Dan Driskill
	January 6,13,20	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill
	January 21	<b>Membership Meeting, Central Oregon Board of Realtors</b>	Dan Driskill
	January 27	<b>Fly Tying, Bend Trap Club, 6:30-8:30PM</b>	Dan Driskill

**COF OFFICERS:**

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The Patient Angler • 389-6208  
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Bend, OR 97702

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Camp Sherman Store • 595-6711  
Camp Sherman OR 97730

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308 N Hwy 26, Madras OR 97741

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1502 SW Odem, Redmond, OR 97756

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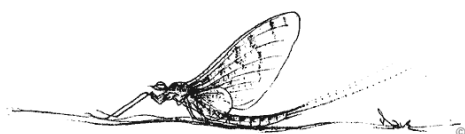
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**CONSERVATION CALENDAR -OCTOBER 2003**

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT/LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>OCT</b>	October 1, 2	<b>Gill Net Haystack Reservoir</b>	Gene McMullen
	October 2, 3	<b>Gill Net Prineville Reservoir</b>	Gene McMullen
	October 13-17	<b>Steelhead Collection, Grande Rhonde, <u>CAMPING</u></b>	Gene McMullen
	October 15	<b>Metolius Bull Trout Survey</b>	Gene McMullen
	October 20-24	<b>Bull Trout Spawning Surveys, N. Fork Malheur &amp; Headwaters, Stay at Crane Prairie Guard Station, Malheur N.F. - <u>CAMPING</u></b>	Tommie Speik
	October 20-24	<b>Steelhead Collection, Grande Rhonde - <u>CAMPING</u></b>	Gene McMullen

**CHANGE IN THE NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

The November program will now be Scott Cook, Fly and Field Outfitters, Bend, presenting "WINTER FISHING IN CENTRAL OREGON". Scott is one of the excellent local guides, and spoke to our club earlier about lake fishing for large trout.

The presentation by Larry Timchak has been delayed until January or February and we look forward to hearing from him then.

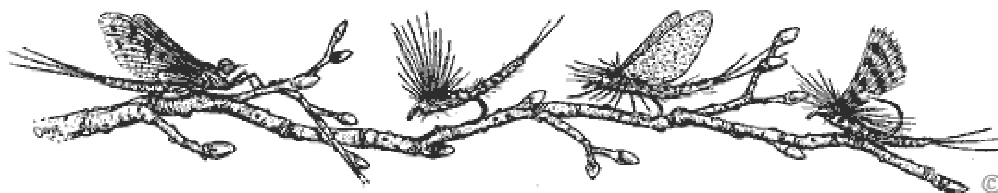
**TIME FOR STEELHEAD?**

Are you among those crazy guys anticipating a few freezing months of steel heading? Below is a collection of spey leader formulas from numerous people by Joel La Follette:

**Spey Leader Formulas**

<i><b>Diameter</b></i>	<i><b>LB. Test</b></i>	<i><b>Randy's</b></i>	<i><b>Jay's</b></i>	<i><b>Jay's II</b></i>	<i><b>Gary's</b></i>	<i><b>Joel's</b></i>
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<i><b>Overall</b></i>	<i><b>Length</b></i>	<i><b>12.5ft.</b></i>	<i><b>15.5ft.</b></i>	<i><b>15ft.</b></i>	<i><b>15.3ft.</b></i>	<i><b>15ft.</b></i>

Materials used will change leader characteristics. Maxima Chameleon is the preferred material. Maxima Green is softer and can be used as tippet for a lighter touch. I use GrandMax Fluorocarbon for my tippet material.



## JOIN THE CENTRAL OREGON FLYFISHERS

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member and partner

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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New 2003 Family or Single- \$36  Renewal by 12/31-\$30  Renewal After 12/31- \$36  Associate Member \$12.50

(Associate Membership Available Outside of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties.)

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Improve Fishing Techniques  Social Functions List Other Interests on Back

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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