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## ■ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be a fish rescue effort to salvage fish trapped in the side channel near Lava Island in late October. You may recall that last year some 2500 fish were stranded when the Deschutes was shut down at the end of the irrigation season. This year there will be a more gradual flow reduction that has been agreed to by the irrigation districts. This will enable ODFW to lead a salvage effort with the assistance of volunteers. The USF&WL and the Forest Service will be doing data collection and photo documenting the river channel between Bend and Wickiup as the water levels recede. The exact time of the salvage will depend on when the irrigation season has ended and the ramp down is at a level that personnel can safely get into the side channel. Many of us were very angry about what happened last year. The effort this year is not a permanent solution but we can make a difference this year. The route to take fish back to the main river is steep and rough. I expect that five gallon buckets and lined back packs will be used to transport the fish. If enough people show up, the distance to move buckets can be reduced by using a relay system. You will be notified when a date and time has been decided. This is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to restoration of the fishery between Bend and Wickiup.

This time of the year we are looking for new Board members and new leaders. We need someone to be President next year. There is also a vacant vice president position. The programs position will be vacant in January. If anyone is interested, please contact me or any Board member.

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



## GENERAL MEETING

Oct. 17 | 7:00 p.m. general meeting | Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend

### Fishing Christmas Island

Tye Krueger and Andy Maphet of Confluence Fly Shop, (located in the Old Mill District in Bend).

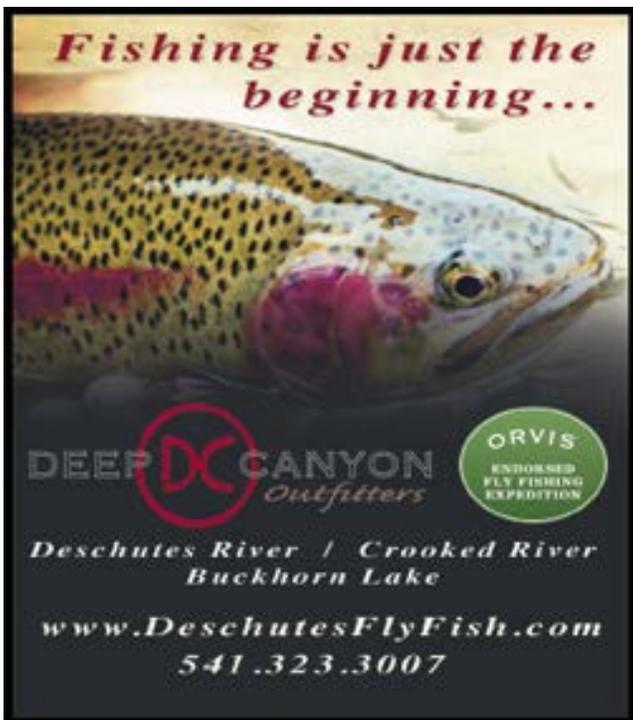


Tye and Andy will share highlights from their exciting trip to Christmas Island. Located 1200 miles south of Hawaii, Kiritimati (as it is known to its native people), is the world's largest atoll and a true gem for saltwater fly fishermen. The phenomenal bonefishing, four species of trevally, and handful of blue water fish available just offshore would be enough to woo any tug-hungry saltwater fisherman. However, it's the Giant Trevally (the true king of the flats) that draws most fly anglers to this remote island. Encounters with schools of small GT's are a regular occurrence, 10 to 20 pounders are commonplace, and amazing fish in the 80 to 100 lb. class, found cruising within mere feet of knee deep water, are not uncommon.

Whether you're brand new to fly fishing in saltwater, or a seasoned tropics angler bored with the monotony of Bahamian or Mexican flats fishing, the stories and images from Tye and Andy's trip are guaranteed to steal your heart and leave you asking yourself, "Is my passport current?" and "How soon can I get there?"

Join us for an exciting and informative overview of tackle, tactics, and what to expect from this surprisingly affordable and easy to reach destination of a lifetime.

Christmas Island is ready... are you?



## OUTINGS 2014

Month	Day	Destination	Leader
Sep/Oct	28-01	Lower Deschutes River	Robert Gentry

## OUTINGS

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday and Sunday February 21&22, 2015

Two day seminar with Craig Mathews of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop, West Yellowstone. To be held at the Bend RiverHouse and Convention Center. Details starting in November and registration beginning November 15, 2014.

-Eric Steele, 541-549-2072, steelefly2@msn.com

## EDUCATION

### Beginner Fly Tying Classes To Be Offered

COF will be offering a series of beginning fly tying classes this Fall. Classes will focus on beginner skills but will be open to all COF members

Following are basic ideas for classes:

- Hold 4 weekly classes - the weeks of November 3, 10, 17, and 24.
- Details on date, time and room are being worked out
- These classes will focus on beginner skills but will be open to all COF members
- Provide basic fly tying techniques needed to tie standard patterns
- COF owned vises and tools will be available for use during the classes.
- A \$5.00 per session fee will be charged for each participant

For more information contact Steve Stevens at (254) 212 9622 or Cliff Price at (541) 410 0670

- Steve Stevens (education@coflyfishers.org)

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership renewal period is coming up. Gary Meyer and I will present a walk through of the online Wild Apricot membership management system at the October meeting. You'll be able to self-renew your membership, update your contact information for the roster and pay dues using PayPal. COF will no longer mail out renewal forms; instead, you will receive emails

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reminding you to renew on-line. You will still be able to renew by notifying me and you will always be able to pay by check, mailed to the club's PO Box, if you prefer.

### Welcome New Members:

Romir Chatterjee

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

## CONSERVATION

I recently had the opportunity to go fishing with a member of Bend Parks and Recreation board of directors. He could not say much but the recent lack of public discussion on Mirror Pond and the new Riley Ranch park on the middle Deschutes below Bend (formerly known as Gopher Gulch) does not mean that nothing has been going on behind the scenes. To the contrary, in the near future there will be some important announcements and public discussion of these projects. I believe the angling and conservation communities will be generally satisfied. I am increasingly confident that fish passage will be part of the changes at Mirror Pond and Riley Ranch will be angler friendly. The goal is to keep it in as natural a state as possible with minimal development and have a trail along the river that will allow good fishing access.

## CROOKED RIVER BILL UPDATE

As you may have read in the Bend Bulletin, Rep. Greg Walden's Crooked River bill recently passed through the US House of Representatives. This bill is opposed by COF and a number of other fishing and conservation organizations. The

bill has many elements, but among other things it would allocate water from Prineville Reservoir to the City of Prineville and the Ochoco Irrigation District without providing any water for fish and wildlife. Senators Merkley and Walden have introduced competing legislation in the US Senate that would provide water certainty to Prineville and OID while also allocating a significant amount of water for the "maximum biological benefit of fish".

Earlier this year the senate bill was voted out of the natural resource committee strictly along party lines with all democrats voting for it and all republicans voting against it. The bill has since stalled in the senate due to the fact that some western republican senators oppose the bill on the grounds that it sets precedent for allocating water to fish. They want federal water projects with unallocated water to provide that water to a variety of users as a matter of principle. Language that would maintain the integrity of the bill (managing water for the benefit of fish) while also overcoming the objections of senators from other states is currently being drafted.

Merkley's staff has told us that the chance of passing the bill this year is slim. So, we may be tilting at windmills for now. The upcoming election is an issue as well. If Senator Merkley is re-elected he will be able to re-introduce the bill next year. If Merkley is not re-elected or the republican party gains control of the Senate it is entirely unclear what sort of legislation might be passed.

## BENDFILM

The first night of the BendFilm festival, Oct 9, might be of interest to COF members. "Return of the River" tells the story the largest dam removal in history, currently unfolding on the Elwha River in Washington State. The second film, "Riviere des Chutes", is a work in progress. A short version will be shown,

touching on the history, science and beauty of the Deschutes River. The film explores competing irrigation, environmental and fishery interests along the troubled 23 mile stretch of the upper Deschutes just below Wickiup Dam. This is an important and timely topic given last year's fish kill and the upcoming end of irrigation season. See both films for \$11 at the Tower at 8:30 pm.

Learn more at: <http://bendfilm.strangertickets.com/films/17784659/rivierie-des-chutes>

– Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair



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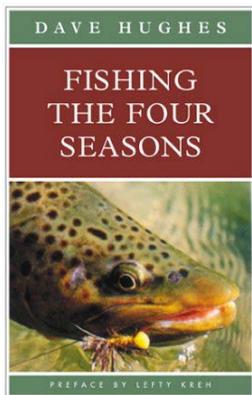
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## LIBRARY

Good News: Kathleen Schroeder has volunteered to become the COF Librarian for next year. She will begin her duties during the regular January COF meeting. Please see her during this month's meeting and give her a big thank you for taking on this important task.



This month's new and featured book will be the last one presented this year and is appropriate for fall when many fly fishermen/women see the fishing season coming to an end and resign themselves to cleaning, organizing tackle and making plans for the following year. Dave Hughes' book *Fishing the Four Seasons* offers numerous solutions to this frequent seasonal dilemma. Though small in size it is packed with practical information to keep us out of the armchair and on the water throughout the year.

The back cover introduction goes as follows: "Most people who go fly fishing for trout practice the sport in the spring and early summer, when most waters in North America offer their most prolific hatches of insects, and the weather is pleasant. In *FISHING THE FOUR SEASONS*, Dave Hughes shows you that trout anglers need not limit themselves to such short seasons, and indeed that fine fly fishing for trout can be had all year long. In this ground breaking volume, Hughes shows you:

- Opportunities to take big trout even in the dead of winter
- how to prepare yourself and your equipment for cold-weather fishing
- Why lakes and ponds can offer some of the best trout fishing available in early spring

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- How to catch trout in streams swollen with snowmelt
- The best flies to use for early, mid, and late summer fishing
- Why autumn, though often overlooked, can offer some of the year's best opportunities for taking trout on flies

*FISHING THE FOUR SEASONS* is essential reading for any fly fisher wanting to take advantage of trout-fishing opportunities year round, not just in the warmer months when most anglers are on the water.

As always, this and other recently acquired materials will be available on the library table and in the library cabinet. Stop by, take a look and check out anything that catches you interest.

— *John Tackmier, COF Librarian (541-549-6252)*

## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### WILD WOMAN INVADES IDAHO!

One of our members, Corol Ann Cary, just got back from a fantastic trip to Stanley, Idaho with a group from the International Women Fly Fishers. What a fantastic trip! This group organizes trips to some wonderful areas. You might want to con-

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ticipants spend each day in hands-on activities learning knots, casting, fly tying, aquatic insect collection and identification, and fly fishing. Each angler leaves the camp with a better understanding of fly fishing, equipment selection, and practice, along with a lot of fish stories. The 2015 3-day fish camp is scheduled for June 15, 16, & 17 at Shevlin Park.

COF also offers a complimentary membership to all members under age 25. This provides young anglers the opportunity to join the club, attend monthly meetings, and learn about fishing outings and opportunities in the area. Each meeting has a featured program which offers expertise in an area of fly fishing, additionally, a raffle is held prior to each meeting where fly fishing equipment and supplies are available to win!

Meetings held in December and August have different, specific agendas. The December meeting features fly tying, allowing members to observe our member tyers and get suggestions for local waters. This meeting also features a “garage sale” where members can offer used equipment for sale.

The August monthly meeting is replaced by an annual BBQ for members and families. We have invited our young fly fishing camp participants and their families to join us at the BBQ and engage with other fly fishers, along with some fishing. This year we also had a raffle drawing for the young fly fishers and they walked away with some great equipment!

So, between the camps, classes, and BBQ, young fly fishers are welcome to attend all of the monthly club meetings. The membership is free to those under 25. There may be an outing that interests you! Come check it out!

- Karen Kreft (503.409.0148 nextcast@coflyfishers.org)

sider upcoming adventures. Their website is [www.intlwomenflyfishers.org](http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org). Their website says the following: “We are a nonprofit organization that brings women fly fishers together. We support women’s fly fishing clubs and individuals. We are a strong and united voice for women to and in the fly fishing industry, and for fly fishing education. Although based in the United States, we are an international organization with a growing membership from around the world and from all socio-economic groups.” As an aside, Mary Ann Dozier, organizer of this trip (and on the left in the picture), is moving to Sisters. Welcome to Mary Ann! We are excited to meet and get to know you...and do a little fishing!



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

## ■ NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

The Central Oregon Flyfishers established a youth fly fishing program to encourage young anglers. This program offers specific fly fishing activities for our area youth.

Annually, we offer a 3-day fly fishing camp at Shevlin Park through a partnership with Bend Parks & Recreation. The par-



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## ■ SOCIAL MEDIA

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and spent as much time as they could doing the things they love. For most of you, I’m sure that included fishing, and if you happened to take any pictures during your outings, please email them to me at: [Mollyvernarecci@gmail.com](mailto:Mollyvernarecci@gmail.com)

The Facebook page is meant to promote club events, outings and membership and has been quite successful thus far. Go show your support for COF and “like” it today! I’ve attached the link to the page but if anyone is having trouble finding it (or would just like some Facebook help) please feel free to email me. <https://www.facebook.com/CentralOregonFlyfishersClub>

-Molly Vernarecci

## TYER'S CORNER

Here comes the fall, stream and lake closures are already upon us but we have a few chances left to make that catch that will take us into the winter. And with the winter; changes start to make their way to for front.

As some of you already know; Dec. "Tyers Corner" will be Bill Seitz last contribution to the news-letter. For those of you, like me who tyed some of his patterns for the Crooked River, we owe him, because without those flies fish would not have been caught. Thanks again, Bill for all the great flies. Now there is someone who has offered to help out and you will see his first fly in March 2015. Surprise!!!

We are going on an adventure together and the fly this month is a sample of what I am bringing to the "Tyers Corner" next year. Your job will be, tye the flies that I present and let's see if they work. I will choose flies from your own secret boxes and from what I find wherever. Let me know if you have flies you would like presented.

The pattern for this month has never been fished as of this writing. It comes from being SKUNKED on East Lake, and from the all those who fished there it was same, very few fish caught and for same reason, could not match the Callibaetis Spinner Fall, with anything. So here is the pattern size 14 and 16 should be enough. Just for information, Crane and Lava were having the same type of hatches??? Mother Nature is messing with us.

## Fly of the Month -TLF Callibaetis Spinner



Hook: Dry fly hook or light wire scud hook, #14 to #16,  
(Lets try them both and see what works)

Thread: Grey, 8/0 to 14/0

Tails: Mirco-biot's or Coq-de-Leon, 2 to 4 fibers

Body: Good dry fly dubbing, Light olive or grey olive

Wing: Z-lon or EP fibers, Cream, light grey or white

Hackle: Good Dry fly hackle, Grizzly or dun, Size 20 or 22

Start by securing the thread at the head and winding back to just above the hook point. Tye in the tail which should be the length of the hook shank and split. Dub the body and wrap forward, leaving enough room for the spilt/spent wing and a couple of wraps of hackle that are going in front of the wing. Tye in the wing material spilt and have them lay out to the sides as per spinners. Starting the next move with your thread behind the wing, tye in the hackle and make two wraps in back and by bringing the hackle under hook on the next wrap take two wraps in front of the wing and finish with a neat head.

Let's take it fishing!!!! And let me know what changes are needed..

"Good Luck and Good Hunting"

*Jerry Criss 541-536-3581 (tlfly44@msn.com)*

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## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2014

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>Oct 4</b>	6:30 pm	<b>monthly board mtg.</b>	Environmental Center	Dave Dunahay (president@coflyfishers.org)
<b>Oct 17</b>	7:00 pm	<b>monthly mtg.</b>	Bend Senior Center	

### In the future

Winter Seminar - Craig Mathews; February 21 & 22, 2015 Location TBD, (Eric Steele steelefly2@msn.com)

COF Banquet, April 11, 2015

IFFF 50th Anniversary, August 10-15, 2015, RiverHouse Convention Center, Bend, OR

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