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President's Message

Fall brings those of us lucky enough to call Central Oregon home shorter days, cooler temperatures, fewer crowds and lots of opportunities for great fly-fishing. Get out there and rip some lips.

Kokanee Karnival, our largest community outreach program, is in need of volunteers to help teach grade school kids about the rivers and their ecology, stream dynamics, aquatic life and other similar topics. It's a real blast to help and see these young kids soak up the info. Information on how to volunteer is in the August newsletter.

Lee Ann Ross is always looking for ideas for outings. Contact her if you have a spot you want to learn to fish.

Suggestions for monthly presentation should be directed to Art Agnew.

Thanks to all for being part of this great organization. Hopefully you attended the annual BBQ at Shevlin Park. If not, mark it on your calendar for 2020.

Happy Trails

*"It is not a fish until it is on the bank."*— Old British saying

- Allen



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Fishing the Deschutes River will be this month's program presented by long time COF member and Past President Yancy Lind. Yancy's presentation will be something new and completely different featuring a "Fly Over the Deschutes River using Google Earth". Yancy wants this to be an audience participation program and is encouraging attendees to chime in with their experiences fishing the Deschutes. In this presentation he will point out the places to fish, how to access them, and the best times of the year to fish.

Yancy has been obsessed with fishing since he was 6 years old and fly fishing for over 35 years. Since he moved to bend 15 years ago, he has explored the Deschutes from the headwaters to Lake Billy Chinook for its wonderful year around fishing. Yancy served on the COF Board of Directors for 10 years in a variety of roles including President, Outing Leader, and Conservation Director. Yancy currently serves on ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement Board, receiving the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Award of Merit in 2018.

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## EDUCATION

### COF Winter Fly Tying

#### (Kreft and Martin are Retiring)

Each year, Central Oregon Flyfishers sponsors winter fly-tying classes on Tuesday evenings at the Bend Senior Center, from January through March. For the last nine

years, John Kreft and Peter Martin led these classes. They secured a meeting place and equipment, selected effective fly patterns, sought out accomplished fly tyers to demonstrate the pattern, acquired and sorted materials and hosted the classes – they even taught a few of the classes themselves. Simply stated, they did it all and deserve

our gratitude AND a rest. Both are retiring from their leadership role. The COF officers want to continue the classes in 2020 and I have agreed to help. Thankfully Kreft and Martin have agreed to be guest presenters and consultants. I need one or two volunteers to spend a few hours each week to help me keep this terrific program going. If you will help please contact me.

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## PARTNERSHIP CORNER

### Federal Fish Hatchery

On Memorial day of this year I volunteered for a day of work at the Federal Fish Hatchery on the Warm Springs River. This facility handles Chinook and Steelhead migrating up the Warm Springs river above Kahneeta to spawn in tributary streams. The hatchery goal is to spawn approximately 675 adult Chinook Salmon. The tribe and the federal hatchery manager has extended a request for help during the fall spawning period where the eggs will be fertilized and placed in individual trays for incubation. The following picture shows the hatchery manager Terry Freije, Bruce Jim of the tribal fish and wildlife committee and myself (1).

During the one day we processed 35 adult hatchery Spring Chinook Salmon, 24 adult wild Spring Chinook Salmon, 1 Jack Salmon and 1 Redside Rainbow Trout. All wild fish were released back into the river by Andrea and a helper at the station shown to the right (2). The fish were measured, and



identified by sex. Samples of the scales were obtained. No PIT tags were installed today, but a program to tag a few of these fish to aid in identifying spawning and holding areas is included in their work. These wild fish are a very important resource for the basin. All the fish introduced above Lake Billy Chinook are considered hatchery products. The PIT tags and scale samples are tools that will aid the fisheries professional to determine the areas where losses occur in the system and where the most effective reproduction occurs. This knowledge is essential to improving the return rate for adult wild salmon and steelhead.

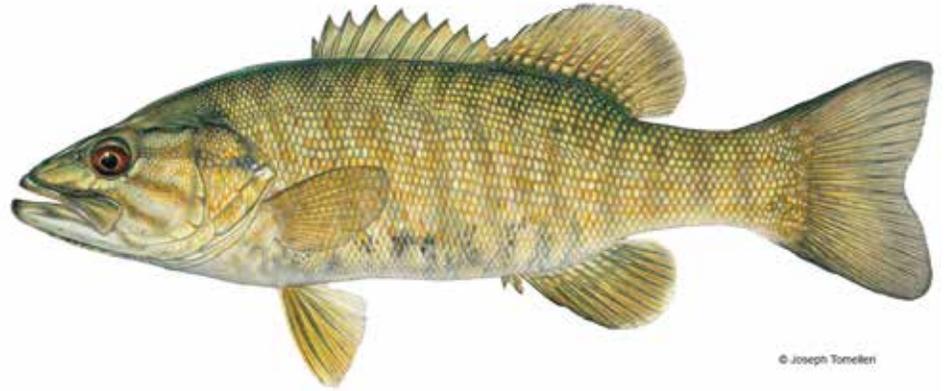
Low return rates for salmon and steelhead in the basin has caused a change in the hatchery programs for Warm Springs and the ODFW hatcheries. Much of these changes were announced at the PGE fish conference in Bend July 17th and 18th. In the next couple months I will attempt to explain the changes and highlight how the club can be of assistance to these people.

- THOMAS SHUMAN

## CONSERVATION

### Powder River Smallmouth Bass Fishing

If it is September I have a few things on my bucket list to accomplish this fall. I will be splitting my time between fishing in Yellowstone and a wedding on my wife's side of the family in Missouri. While I lived in Baker, Oregon September was the month to fish the Powder River between Thief Valley Reservoir and Brownlee



Reservoir. I think this river may be similar to the Deschutes above Lake Billy Chinook to Steelhead Falls. I agreed to write an article on how to fish this area to the board. It seems ODFW has a generous limit on smallmouth bass and non native brown trout for the Deschutes River below Steelhead Falls. My bucket list next year is to spend some days fishing this section of water in September and October. I hope to remove some of these non native predators to the young steelhead and salmon and resident native trout from this section of water.

I would fish the Powder river in September after the first frost began to cool the water from the summer high temperatures. Small fish could survive the high summer temperatures, but the larger fish would move downstream to the cooler water deep in Brownlee reservoir during the hot days of summer, or loose their appetite with the warmer water. With the cooler night temperatures the smallmouth would return to the river to feast on the small minnows of the less than one year old fish. At this time of year we found we could catch the largest smallmouth bass of the year in the river above the reservoir. My favorite lure was a

4 inch floating rapalla. If I caught a squaw fish, I knew I was fishing water too fast for the Smallmouth Bass. I would move downstream to deeper sections of the pool and slower water. Smallmouth bass preferred the slowest water in the deepest pools with lots of boulders for hiding cover. Favorite colors were rainbow trout, black and silver and brown and gold to imitate the young squawfish. I am sure any minnow imitation would work on a fly rod as well. After learning to read the water and finding the bass, I learned to use a deer hair mouse and fly rod on the sections of the river holding large bass. This method was as effective as the floating rapalla lures and lots of fun.

I hope these notes help you fish this section of the middle Deschutes. This may be an alternative to fishing the Crooked River this fall.

- THOMAS SHUMAN

## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

We have had a busy summer. August included on the river Tenkara mentoring with Bill Seitz. A big thankyou to Bill, we had a great morning and many of us caught fish, on a fly that looked like a white spinner, go figure! We are grateful for the many folks in our club who are generous with their time and knowledge. Bill took so much time preparing and then instructing on the river. It was a terrific day. We also hit the Orvis casting course down at the Old Mill early one Sunday morning and FFI Casting Instructor in training, Stephen Williams, joined up with us and we all learned but more importantly had a great time. This September we have two scheduled outings: Walton Lake (Sept. 8-10), Lake in the Dunes (Sept. 28 & 29). And we will be having an end of summer bash on Sept. 14th at Sue Coyle's home. Wild Women have launched a Facebook

page, Wild Women of the Water – Bend. All women who are a member in COF & Wild Women, be sure to friend us on Facebook!

- SUE COYLE  
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## OTHER NEWS

### Kokanee Karnival 2019 Fall Streamside Program Second Call For Volunteers

Kokanee Karnival will hold our Fall Streamside program on September 23, 24, 26 & 27 2019. We do not hold the program on Wed. September 25 due to the early release of students at school. We are working on preparing the schedule of volunteers to help at both Spring Creek and Sheep Bridge. We need help and need instructors and assistants at the sites. Fall Streamside is rapidly approaching.

We published descriptions of the stations and programs at both Spring Creek and Sheep Bridge in

the August COF newsletter. New volunteers are welcome and will be teamed with a volunteer with experience at Sheep Bridge and Spring Creek. The programs we teach the students are not complicated and easy to learn. We can provide an outline of the program used at each Sheep Bridge station and at Spring Creek. To volunteer contact Frank Turek at waldo1ft@msn.com or 541 318-7507 or sign up at the COF general meeting. You can also contact Jen Luke at Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us or 541 388-6366

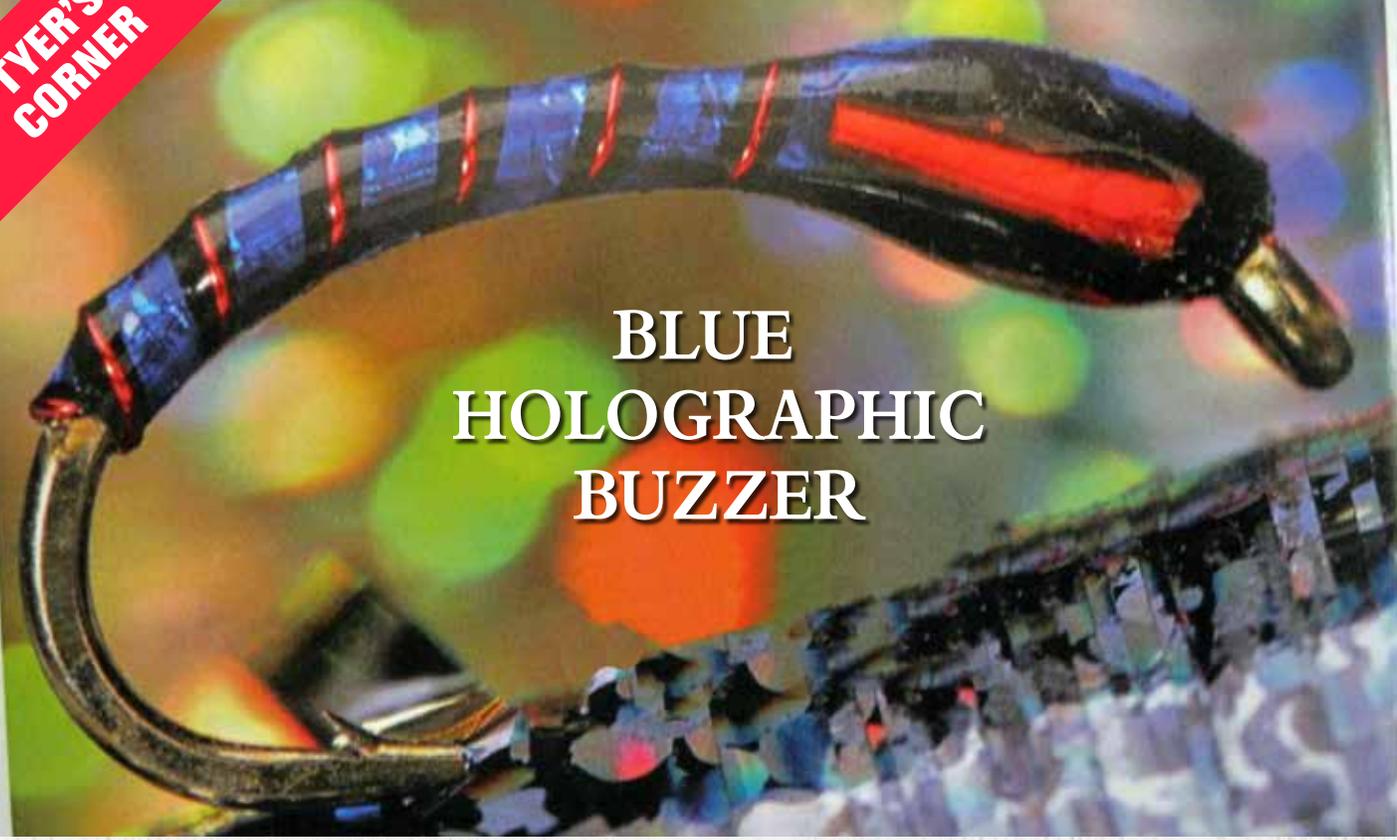
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## BLUE HOLOGRAPHIC BUZZER

As I write this, the morning is bright and is heading for one of the warmest days of the year. With the warmer water it is important to take your time in releasing fish, they are stressed more and it takes a little longer for them to recover from the fight. And remember the bigger the fish the more time it takes and keep them in the water the pictures will be just fine with them in the net.

Strange year of fishing for me, I love dry fly fishing stream or stillwater so why have I been fishing chironomidae lately because they catch fish. Not with indicators, but by using a dry line with a 10 to 12 ft mono leader with 6 to 10 ft of fluorocarbon tippet and casting as much as ¾ up-wind and allowing my rig to drift naturally, with very slow, short pulls, and keeping a tight line so that any small touch can be detected. And

they work in the streams, just to let you know..

The “Blue Holographic Buzzer”, is latest chironomidae to come across my tying desk. It is from the UK’s Flyfishing and Flytying magazine, April 2018 issue. I fished it early in the season for the midge hatches on East Lake and Crane. And it has caught fish every trip when I have fished it since last year, on stream or stillwater. It works in 3 fly rig or as a stand alone. And the takes well lets just say you will know when it happens.

### Materials:

**Hook:** Curved heavy wire scud hook #18 to # 10

**Thread:** Black 14/0, use a thread that can be flattened out

**Body:** Black tying thread and Blue holographic, small tinsel

**Rib:** Red wire, fine

**Wing buds:** Fl. orange goose biots or some other orange holographic tinsel

**Thorax cover:** Blue holographic tinsel

**Head:** Finish with UV resin or Hard as Nails, lite coats work better than heavy coats

### Tying Instructions

1. Start the thread just behind the eye and wind it back towards the bend of the hook and stop about halfway back.
2. Tye in the red wire ribbing material and continue to wrap down the back of the curve of the hook, and stopping halfway down the bend. Now tye in the blue holographic tinsel body material.
3. Now flatten the black tying thread and take the thread forward making a smooth

body and leaving 1/4 space behind the hook eye.

4. Now coat the thread wraps with a little head cement and wind the blue body material forward as you would a rib leaving even spaces between each turn, keeping the body flat, and tying it off on the top of the hook shank where you stopped the tying thread. (This will be pulled over the head/thorax) later.
5. Bring the red wire ribbing forward in the spaces created by the blue tinsel wraps and tie off, (see photo).
6. With the body complete, build a bulb type head, tie in the wing bud material at the base and on the bottom of the bulb, then wind the thread towards the hook eye, pull the wing buds forward at an angle, up the sides of the bulb and land them on the top of the bulb above the hook eye, secure them with just a couple of warps, then pull the blue tinsel over the top like a wing case and tie off. Trim the tinsel and wing bud materials, (see photo).
7. Now coat the complete fly with your chosen finish and let dry completely.

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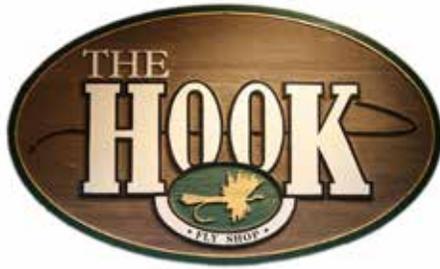


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COF member Mike McClean on the Sacramento River, August 15th



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## SEPTEMBER 2019 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
September 5	COF BOD meeting, 6:00 pm	Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park	
September 8-10	Walton Lake - Wild Women of the Water		
September 14	End of Summer Bash - Wild Women of the Water	Sue Coyle's home.	
September 18	General COF Meeting, 7:00 pm	Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park	
September 23-27	Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside		waldo1ft@msn.com
September 28-29	Lake in the Dunes - Wild Women of the Water		



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