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President's Message

Membership: I want to thank everyone who renewed their membership. I can't believe we have over 230 members in mid January.

Banquet: Mark you calendars for April 2 at the Riverhouse for our annual fundraiser. Please attend, it is a great event and I think you'd really enjoy yourself. Invite a friend. If you can, please donate items for the raffle. Your support is what keeps this club so strong.

**Crooked River Outing:**

Thirty-five hungry souls showed up at Jake's for their massive breakfasts New Years Day. Far fewer ventured out to fish on the frozen Crooked. Herb and I tried our hand down at Lower Palisades but our line got over a quarter inch of ice on them so we headed back up to the dam where the water was warmer and actually flowing. I think a total of two dinks were landed among the group. The hotdogs and chili were wonderful. Thanks to Eric Steele and Jeff Perin.

Website: If you haven't had a chance to look at it, check

out our new and improved COF website, coflyfishers.org. All the presentations can be found under the "newsletter/presentation" button.

Kids Fish Pond: COF will again staff the kids pond at the Redmond Sportsman show March 3 to 6. If you haven't done this before, please come out and help. Lots of kids catch their first fish at the pond. It is a blast and I am sure that you will have fun. You also get free admission to the show any day that you volunteer. Please contact Allen Caudle at ascaudle@gmail.com to sign up.

~ Lee Ann Ross



The February program will feature a presentation of COF activities and functions to help members gain a better understanding of exactly what COF does. With about 280 members, COF has programs focused on education and conservation, and the club gets involved in numerous projects. Bring a friend. Find out how you can fit in and how you can derive the maximum benefit from your membership. Let's make it fun & make it a point to meet a new member. Bring some snacks to share with your other club members. 🐟 Karen Kreft will provide an overview of the Next Cast Flyfishers youth education program, review current activities, and volunteer opportunities. 🐟 Frank Turek, Kokanee Karnival organizer extraordinaire, will talk about this highly successful, all volunteer-driven, youth education program. Including its history and classroom and field components. Frank will explain how you can volunteer a small amount of time and make a huge difference in the lives of students who participate in Kokanee Karnival. 🐟 Allen Caudle will share how COF makes the Kid's fishing pond at the Sportsmen's Show a success. 🐟 Pete Martin will give an update on the COF Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 2. 🐟 Dalton Miller Jones will talk about Educational Opportunities. 🐟 Lee Ann Ross will give us an update on COF outings. 🐟 Kari Schoessler will share the various WWW activities. **Pre-Meeting:** 6:15 pm, Fly & Field will share their insights on the different fly lines.

OUTINGS

New Outings Director

Jill Bazemore is our new Outings Director for 2016. You have seen her helping Tim at the membership desk at the monthly meetings. If you have any outing questions you can contact her at outings@coflyfishers.org. Please review the outings calendar and note we have a pretty full schedule for the year. Do not hesitate to call or email the outing leaders for the specific trips you are interested in.

We do have the month of August that is not committed yet. We are seeking members who are willing to offer, organize, and lead a COF outing during August. The COF would really appreciate the help of Club members that have the knowledge and skills to introduce others to a new fishing destination. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or acting as a 2016 outing leader, feel free to contact Jill at the monthly meeting.

~Jill Bazemore, outings@coflyfishers.org

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2016

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
March	23rd-26th	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
Mar/Apr	TBD	Crooked River Cleanup	TBD
April	23rd	Middle "D" Below Steelhead Falls	Yancy Lind
May	11th-14th	Davis Lake	Larry Godfrey
May	20th-22nd	2 night Trout Creek Campout, Lower "D" Warm Springs Float	Mike Tripp/ Eric Steele
June	9th-12th	Hosmer Lake	Bob Burke
June	10-12	Capt. Caddis Crappie on a Fly Challenge Prineville Reservoir	Betsy Brower- Mullong/Andy Smith
June	16th-25th	Possible British Columbia Trip	Lee Ann Ross
July	7th-9th	East Lake, 2 nights, BBQ	Eric Steele
Sept	8th-10th	Steens Mountain - Wild Horse & Fish Lake	John Tackmier
Oct	2nd-5th	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry



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OUTINGS

Owyhee River Outing

March 23–26, 2016 Wed. to Sat.



With the improved snow-pack, it looks like fishing on the Owyhee should be great this year. I've been checking the Owyhee Reservoir levels and while it is still very low, it is at least rising.

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is a gem. Think the Crooked River on steroids. Instead of rainbows and whitefish, think browns, big browns. A 15-incher is a small fish. The trip is timed to hopefully coincide with the skwala hatch. If we are lucky, there will be spectacular top water action as the fish smash your skwala pattern. Other than skwalas, use the same flies and rigs you use on the Crooked. Don't forget the small stuff either. Size 18–22 midges work well too. To get a better idea, watch Brian Huskey's video of the Owyhee at: <http://vimeo.com/5327229>

It takes about five hours to get to the Owyhee. Travel on Hwy 20 from Bend, via Burns to Vale. Towards the end of town, turn right at the Cenex Gas Station onto Glenn Street. Glenn Street becomes Lytle

Blvd. Go for about 14 miles. Turn right just behind the little store, then take the first left. Turn right

on Klamath and then left on Norwood, right on Owyhee Ave and left on Owyhee Lake Road. Sound confusing? Not really, there are a lot of signs to Owyhee State Park.

If you make a mistake, any of the roads will get you there. You basically need to go southwest from the store. Check it out on Google maps.

Take Owyhee Lake Road up towards the dam. There is a bridge just below the dam with a sign to the irrigation department. Cross the bridge and you're at a campground with an outhouse. Bring money so we can make a donation to the irrigation department for use of the campground. I think we donated about \$10 a head per night last year. **There is NO water, no cell service and no other facilities.** There is Wi-Fi at the museum on the irrigation department property. There is no password so you can just hangout on the bench outside the museum and use the Wi-Fi.

You have the choice of camping at the campground, camping along the river, or staying at a motel in Vale or Ontario. Unlike the Crooked, there are no developed campgrounds along the river. If you choose not to stay in the campground, you just pull over and set up camp. The 10 miles of fishing

below the dam to Snively Hot Springs is the best fishing.

Dry Fly Innovations has an excellent blog at: <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/blog>. There are tons of archived reports on the site. Unfortunately, it is now a paid site so you will have to decide if it is worth it to you to go back to last March to see how the hatch was a year ago. Their stoneflies are killer. I am making an order now so that I will have a dozen or so ready for this trip.

All are welcome on this outing. There is no limit to how many can come, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a rough head count for the campground. If you are pulling a big rig, please park just OUTSIDE of the campground proper and leave the camping area for tenters and small trailers.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

British Columbia Trip

The club is considering restarting our annual fishing trip to the lakes in the Kamloops area of British Columbia. We have tentatively scheduled the trip for June 16 to 25, 2016. If you are interested in this trip, please go to the COF website and read the two presentations on the trip which you can find under the "newsletters/presentation" button on the website. Please read all the information, as it should answer 95% of your questions. If you are interested in the trip and you can meet the conditions for participation laid out in the two documents, please send me an email and I will put you on a list.

~Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

CONSERVATION

Update

ODFW Audit

Last month Oregon's Secretary of State released an audit of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. <http://sos.oregon.gov/audits/Documents/2016-01.pdf> It was a grim assessment. ODFW has chronically been under budgeted and under staffed while their mandate continues to grow. The Bend ODFW office is listed as one of many problem areas: while local population has dramatically grown and increased service demands, staffing levels have gone down. I encourage you to at least read the executive summary. Without a strong and highly functioning ODFW our ability to continue to enjoy our sport will be impacted. Governor Brown recently convened a task force to look for a solution to ODFW's chronic budget problems. While good news, there is no representation from Central Oregon.

Stocking Changes in Diamond Lake

In September 2006 ODFW treated Diamond Lake with the poison rotenone to eliminate an estimated 90-million tui chub at a cost of nearly \$6 million. Unfortunately, as recently reported in this column, illegally planted tui chub have been found again in the lake. ODFW is attempting to get out in front of the problem by planting sterile tiger trout this spring. Tiger trout are a hybrid of brook and brown trout known to aggressively prey on smaller fish like chub. Sterile brown trout may also be planted in the future. It is important that these fish be sterile so they cannot reproduce if they escape into Lake Creek and potentially the North

Umpqua. ODFW plans to continue with their scheduled planting of 300,000 rainbow trout along with 25,000 tiger trout. ODFW will also use a variety of nets to capture and monitor chub and golden shiner populations.

Crooked River Water Management

As most of you know, the Crooked River bill was passed a little over a year ago. In January the Bureau of Reclamation finally submitted the application required to change the stored water right that will allow them to legally release water for the benefit of fish. There has been continued conflict between WaterWatch and Ochoco Irrigation District on the language of the application. (Water Watch remains the primary negotiator for fish interests.)

I have been in conversation with Senator Merkley's staff here in Oregon and in DC and they believe that the BoR is trying their best to navigate a compromise on this issue. They also claim that while the stored water right has not been legally modified, water releases have been made this year in the spirit of the bill.

"US FWS and NOAA Fisheries worked with Reclamation this last year to set flows for the Crooked and that is why there was so much water released in the summer and fall (and why at the end of the fall there wasn't much left behind the dam—we have been very lucky to get this big pulse of December storms to refill the reservoir). They are poised to do this more formally with an annual release schedule when the change of character of use application has moved through and the water rights are all in order to authorize releases for in-stream flow."

Here's another excerpt from an email from a Merkley staffer:

"Reclamation started the summer releasing 80 cfs for instream, even without the reservoir being full. By late summer (don't remember the exact date) they ramped down to 50 cfs, because of concerns that the "bucket" of unallocated water was getting pretty small. Then around October they went to 35 cfs of release for instream. XXX from US FWS could discuss with you the coordination between them and Reclamation and the logic of releasing more of the unallocated water earlier in the season and then less later. I checked the gage data from Reclamation's hydromet station on the Crooked. They were releasing as much water this last year in the late Spring-Summer-early Fall as they do in an average past year. This despite the Reservoir being less full than average early in 2015 and the irrigation district diverting less than average because they shaved down the allocation for their farmers this season. So there was "real" water in the river during the hot months of 2015."

While things are progressing more slowly than I would have hoped, the news is positive. I remain a firm believer that this bill will benefit our members who fish the Wild & Scenic section. In addition, last year 93 adult steelhead were passed from the Lower Deschutes into Lake Billy Chinook and almost all of them headed up the Crooked River. This bill will give them the water they need as well.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
conservation@coflyfishers.org

EDUCATION

Update

COF Field Trip with Jim Wigington, Ph.D.,
Hydrologist and Casting Instructor
March 15, 2016 | 10:30 am

Snow, Rain and Rock: How Climate and Geology Shape Oregon Trout Streams

Come Join Jim on a field trip in the Metolius River Basin discussing geology and hydrology of the High Cascades and how it influences the Metolius River. The discussions will compare the Metolius to the South Santiam River in water temperatures; Influence of surrounding lakes; fishing above and below Canyon Creek; Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery and the restoration of the Chinook program. Jim will be the COF program presenter at our March 16, 2016 meeting.

- Approximate field trip 3 ½ hours
- Cost will be \$15.00

If you are interested in joining the group please let Dalton Miller-jones know at education@coflyfishers.org. Please leave your name and phone number.

Winter Fly Tying

COF WINTER FLY TYING continues every Tuesday night and will run through March 29. Meet us at the Bend Senior Center beginning at 6:00 pm. Attendance has been good so far and I hope you consider joining the fun.

The class is open to current COF members (guests are welcome). All you need is a vise, tools, thread and \$5 per session to offset the room and materials. There will be enough materials available to tie several flies of each pattern. Each session is led

by an experienced instructor who will teach a couple of flies.

This is not a beginning fly tying class so you will need to know the basics of fly tying. On the other hand, you don't need to be an expert either. Just make sure you've tied several fly patterns and you should fit in fine.

I send out an email before each class to let you know who the instructor is as well as pattern sheets for the flies being taught so you can determine if you'd like to attend.

~ John Kreft, 503-559-3811,
jckreft@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Update

If you haven't yet renewed your COF membership, please consider doing so soon. We don't charge a late fee, but you no longer qualify for the early renewal discount

and will need to pay the regular membership fee of \$41. You may renew online using a credit card (follow the instructions in the emailed invoice sent to you on Jan. 14) or bring your check or cash to the next meeting. You can also mail your payment to COF, PO Box 1126, Bend OR 97709.

Welcome New Members

Clyde and Patty Baker

Barbara Bjerke

Jennifer Bjerke

Dave and Jane Bredendick

Fred Cholick

Allen Martin

Rynie Miyashiro

Michael White

~Tim Schindele, membership@coflyfishers.org



NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS



Update

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We are able to help provide fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, our fly fishing summer camp, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

Upcoming events include:

- **COF Monthly Meeting:** February 17, 2016 at the Bend Senior Center, the Next Cast Flyfishers will be making a short presentation to the membership (along with other COF programs) to describe our ongoing activities and tell our volunteers how they can assist.

The current Next Cast members will assist with the presentation.

- **Redmond Sportsman's Show:** March 6--9, 2016, the gigantic trade show in the expo center includes several fly fishing displays of equipment, offers for guided trips, and signups for drawings.



There is also a fishing pond stocked and ready for action! Our Next Cast members will help staff a shift at the trout pond assisting the young anglers with their catch! Children under the age of 12

are welcome to catch a big one!

- **NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo:** March 11-12, 2016 in Albany OR, this expo is the biggest fly fishing event in the Northwest. In addition to over 200 demonstration tyers, there are drawings and raffles, demonstrations, youth activities, and classes (available to sign up online: <http://www.nwexpo.com/>) in a variety of topics to improve fly fishing skills.

• Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish

Camp: June 20-22, 2016—

Shevlin Park, Bend OR, this camp is coordinated through Bend Parks & Recreation (http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Recreation_Programs/) and registration will be included in the summer activities catalog published in March, the camp will fill up fast. Camp attendees, age 10-14, learn all aspects of fly fishing including knot tying, bug collection and identification, fly tying, casting and fly fishing in Shevlin Pond.

Please contact me directly if you have questions.

~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org, 503-409-0148

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

LADIES: We are in the process of planning activities and trips for this next year. Where would you like to go? What would you like to learn about? Please let me know. And I would love to have any of you leading trips. Let's keep in touch.

Have you considered tenkara fishing this winter? It works great on the Crooked and the Fall rivers.



When it is cold, the guides on your 5 wt. rod ice up. Tenkara

rods don't have such things and... no complexities of fly lines and reels either. Check it out at your local fly shop. Confluence Fly shop will be holding a free class in March. Call them and sign up.

~Kari Schoessler, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

TYER'S CORNER

Para Ant

The Parts

Hook: dry fly 12

Thread: Black 8/0

Post: Sparkle emerger yarn—white or similar material that you have

Body: hareline 1/8" evazote foam, black dubbing (black hare's ear plus or black uv ice dub)

Hackle: grizzly

Tying Instructions

1. Tie in the thread at a point where the abdomen ends and wrap back to the bend of the hook.



2. Cut the foam into a strip about a hook gap wide. Trim the foam to create a point. This creates a tie in point and tapers the rear of the abdomen. Tie in the foam pointing towards the rear.

3. Dub a round ball and pull the foam over it, stretching the foam slightly.

4. Tie the foam off but don't cut it.

5. Wrap the thread over the foam creating the waist.

6. Tie in the post and hackle as you would in any parachute pattern.

7. Dub a round ball around the post.

8. Cut the foam in half length wise and pull the pieces around the post and tie it off behind the eye.

9. Wrap the hackle parachute style and tie it off behind the eye.

This is a great fly to have in your box for lakes or rivers. It will float forever and ants are a common food item.

~Mike Telford

COF BOARD MEMBERS

- ~ Lee Ann Ross, *President*
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- ~ Dalton Miller-Jones, *Director*

Membership application at: coflyfishers.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Update



Show the rest of Central Oregon what COF Club Members are all about by sending over content to share on the COF Facebook Page! A few ideas include:

- Photos of the fish you've caught during your last outing
- Links to flyfishing articles you've enjoyed reading
- Fly patterns you want to share
- Fly fishing related services you offer (hint hint to our club sponsors this is free advertising!)
- Any other relevant fly fishing content!

Once you email me the content, I can post it onto the Facebook Page without your name or with either way works and this type of content drastically increases our organic reach online (and is greatly appreciated!).

We're nearing 2,100 Likes on our Facebook Page which is a huge accomplishment considering that we have never paid for any sort of online advertisement or promotion. Stay up to date with all other COF happenings by connecting with the COF Facebook Page and giving us a "Like" when you have a free second!

Let me know if you have any social media related questions, comments, or concerns. I'm just an email away!

~Molly Vernarecci, COF Social Media Coordinator, socialmedia@coflyfishers.org



EVENTS

2016 COF Fundraising Banquet & Raffle

Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center | April 2, 2016

Banquet Registration is Open! Check out the banquet flyer in this month's newsletter then go to coflyfishers.org to register. Your payment can be made via PayPal, credit card, or mail your check to COF Banquet, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

Registering online correctly enters all your information: name, guest, meal choices, bucket-affle tickets advance order, and date registered (for the early bird drawing) into a handy spreadsheet for the registration crew.

Donate Something!

Please bring your donations to the February 17th or March 16th COF meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month) and give them to Peter Martin.

Do you have some good fishing equipment you no longer use? Are you a crafter making creations you are proud of such as a quilt, wood-turning project, or a bird house? Host a club member for a day's fishing trip. COF is non-profit organization so you can claim your donation on 2016 taxes.

Tie a dozen or two fishing flies. Fishing flies are popular in the bucket raffle. I don't grade or frame them—bidders just want to fish them. COF will even supply the fly box.

A donation form for your items is in this newsletter and on the COF website.

~Peter Martin, Banquet Chair, 541-388-8956, banquet@coflyfishers.org



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The Central Oregon Flyfishers

2016

Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

Saturday • April 2, 2016 • 5:30 P.M.
Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend



BEFORE March 2 - \$40 per person & automatic entry in the early bird drawing

March 3 to March 28 - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after March 28)

Questions? Contact Peter Martin (541-388-8956 or banquet@coflyfishers.org).

Attend COF's primary fundraising event to support the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, Next Cast Flyfishers program for older youth, conservation programs, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun and dine on fine, delicious food. Have an exciting time with the raffle, pick up some high-quality flies or unique family items in the silent auction, and bid on great opportunities at the live auction. Take advantage of the early bird registration; save \$5 and be automatically entered in the early-bird drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for \$5). Registration form and directions to Riverhouse Convention Center on reverse.

The
Riverhouse
HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

Menu

Entrée: Your choice of chicken *OR* grilled top sirloin *OR* seasonal vegetarian ravioli.

All entrees include salad, rolls with butter, chef's selection fresh vegetable medley, chef's pairing of potato or rice, dessert, coffee and tea.

No host bar will be available.

Please note that you cannot bring your own wine this year.

**Please register online at
coflyfishers.org.**

Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

**No Internet access?
See registration form on the other side.**

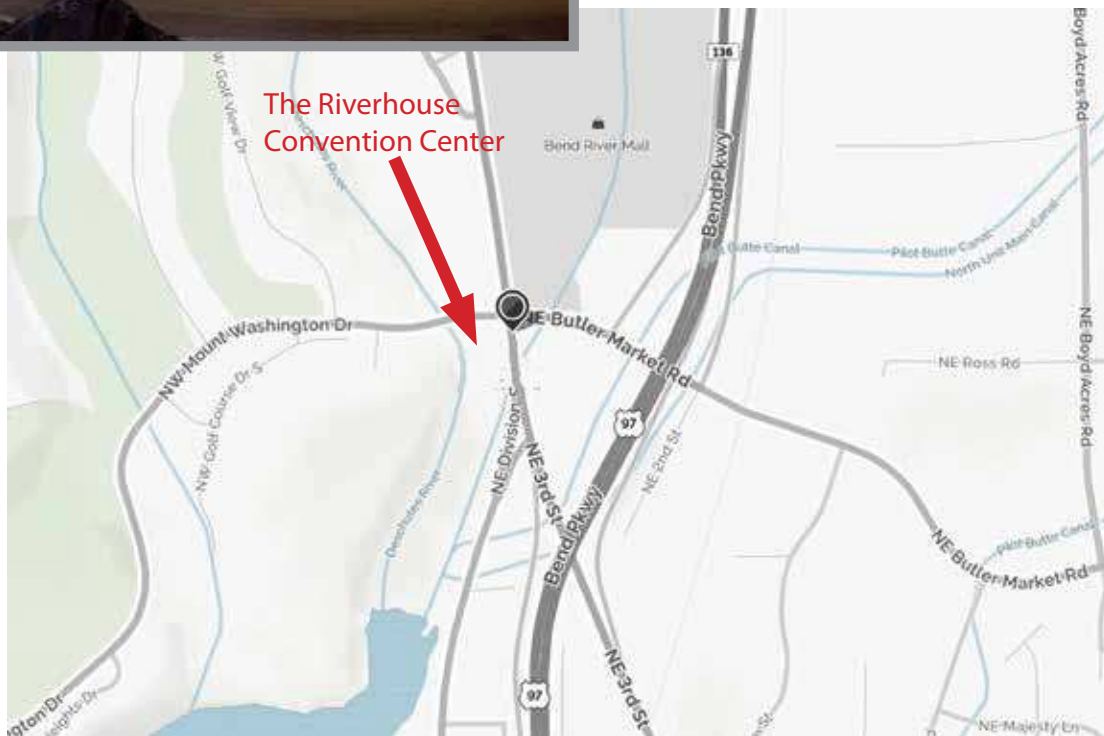
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The Riverhouse

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PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at coflyfishers.org. Payment via PayPal, credit card or check.

For those with no Internet access, mail completed form (indicate dinner choice and raffle ticket amounts) and your check (\$40/person **BEFORE Mar 2** • \$45/person **Mar 3 to Mar 28**) to COF BANQUET, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709.

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Name _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Guest(s) _____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Veg. Ravioli ____

Raffle Ticket Total Enclosed (\$5 increments • \$5 = six tickets) = \$ _____

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Amount enclosed (circle one): \$40 or \$45/person **BEFORE March 2** - \$40 per person & Automatic entry in the early bird drawing **March 3 to March 28** - \$45 per person (no dinner sales after March 28)



**2016 Central Oregon Flyfishers Fundraising Banquet
April 2, 2016
Donation Form**

(Please include this form with your donation)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation Description: _____

Retail Value of Donation: \$ _____

Note: If your donation is a guided trip or other service, please include your contact information, when the service is available, how much notice is required and any other limitations. If you have a gift certificate please include it along with this form. If you do not have a certificate we will prepare one for presentation to the successful bidder at the banquet.

Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and auction list the day of the event. Please contact me by March 25, 2016 so we have time to include your donation on the advance raffle list sent to attendees prior to the banquet.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by current IRS guidelines. Central Oregon Flyfishers is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID # 93-0881830) so your contribution of merchandise, equipment, service, cash, gift certificate, etc. is fully tax deductible. As always check with your accountant.

Please mail your donation and this form to:
Central Oregon Flyfishers, P.O. Box 1126, Bend, OR 97709

Or contact me to pick up your donation:
Peter Martin, Banquet Chair, banquet@coflyfishers.org, or 541-388-8956

Thank you for your donation.

EVENTS CONT.

2016 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo

The Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is an annual event put on by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00am. This is an event you will want to put on the calendar now.

The main attraction is over 200 demonstration tyers that rotate every 2-½ hours over the two days. There are 70 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch the tyer. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables and find an open seat. Even if you are not interested in a specific type of fly, a lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate different techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes



fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so it is a great opportunity to learn in a classroom environment. There are some casting classes that are 1 on 1, which provide excellent opportunities to work on specific casting problems. There are casting classes that cover both single and double handed casting. The fly fishing classes will help prepare you to go to a specific location. You can sign-up for classes on

the Expo website – <http://nwexpo.com>, starting in January 2016. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year.

Over 50 exhibitors attend the expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats. The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in once place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that are one of a kind and make special gifts.

Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items. During the banquet two college students that are majoring in fishery management are awarded scholarships. The students give a short talk on what they are studying and it provides a look-in to the research that is being done on fisherman's behalf.

The Expo is put on by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the Expo in 2016!

~John Kreft

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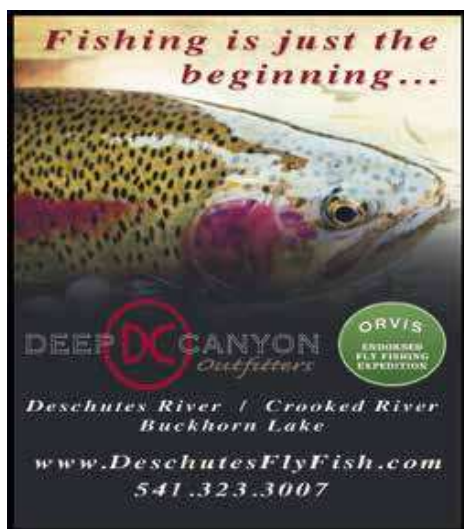
OTHER NEWS

Relatively Painless Fundraising Opportunity for COF

Both Amazon and Fred Meyers have rewards programs that allow non-profits to benefit from the purchases that we make at their stores. For Amazon, it is Amazon Smile and for Fred Meyer's it is the Community Rewards Program. Participating in these programs will have no impact on any other reward program you have with either company or the credit card you might use for purchases. These programs are in addition to any existing rewards. We hope that you will be willing to sign up for these programs so that the club may benefit.

AMAZON: AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide shopping features as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

When first visiting AmazonSmile (http://smile.amazon.com/ref=org_prt_hlp_smi), customers are prompted



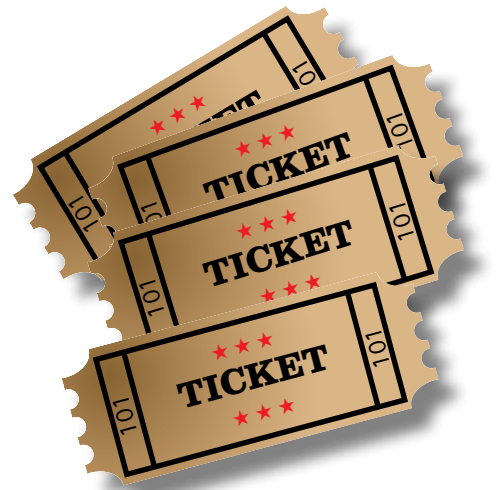
to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. All you have to do is type in Central Oregon Flyfishers in the box in the lower right portion of the opening page where it says "or pick your own charitable organization." (Be sure that Flyfishers is typed as one word) For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Central Oregon Flyfishers. There is no cost to COF for this service. So, once you register all you need to do is search Amazon via smile.amazon.com and the club will benefit.

FRED MEYER'S: To participate in the program you just need to link your Fred Meyer rewards card to COF at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. At the site, click on "link your reward card now." You will be asked to sign in. If you already have an online account with Fred Meyers, sign in. If not, create an account. You will be asked for your Fred Meyers reward card number OR alternative number. If you have a Fred Meyers reward card, you can enter that number or just enter your phone number as your alternative number. If you don't have a card as yet, you can follow the link to get one. Once registered, you will find the link to the community rewards program at the bottom of your account summary page. Click the enroll button and follow the form to the "Find Your Organization" page. Type in Central Oregon Flyfishers, click on it when it comes up and the click enroll. You're done. Every time you shop at Fred Meyers, COF will automatically benefit.

Full details of the Amazon Smile

program can be found at <http://smile.amazon.com/about>. Fred Meyers information is at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions>. Thanks so much for your support of the Central Oregon Flyfishers.

~Lee Ann Ross



Raffle

The word is out that the monthly raffles have been more enticing in recent months. Roger, "The Raffle Guy" has been to the local fly shops laying down cold, hard cash in purchasing very special and useful fly-fishing items. So before each meeting, be sure to come up and buy \$5 or \$10 worth of raffle tickets and you too can take home some awesome (almost) "GUARANTEED to catch fish" gear. Remember, the proceeds are used in support of COF youth fishing and on-going conservation programs.

Incidentally, IF you have some gear at home that is in good condition that you no longer use, you might consider donating it to the club to be used in future raffles or April's annual fund raising banquet. Remember, "One man's junk is another man's treasure..."

~Roger Vlach

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Outdoor Show Help!

Volunteers needed for Outdoor Show Trout Pond March 3-6

Mark your calendars for March 3rd (Thursday) through March 6th (Sunday). COFF provides the volunteers for the Central Oregon Outdoor Show annual Kid's Trout Pond. This event is held at the Deschutes County Expo Center in Redmond near the airport.

This is the second largest fundraiser of the year for our club. Baxter Auto Parts sponsors the pond but provides COFF with a nice check to man the event!

We need between 6-10 volunteers for each of several shifts on these days. They range from about 9:00 AM through 8:00PM. Each shift is about 4 hours long.

This is an excellent way for new members to meet other members, as well as a fun way to help a young boy or girl catch their first trout! In addition, volunteers get free admission to the Outdoor Show as well!

We are especially in need of Saturday and Sunday shifts. These are the busy days and require 8-10 volunteers each shift.

Sign up sheets will be available at the January and February club meetings as well.

Please contact Allen Caudle at ascaudle@gmail.com or 605-214-4319 for information or to volunteer.

~Allen Caudle

COF Volunteerism

WOW! In 2015, COF volunteers worked 5,852 hours and traveled 32,071 miles. That's a new record for COF and remarkable for a club our size. In 2012, our second biggest year, the U.S. International Fly Fishing Team held a national competition in Bend and this year the International Federation of Fly Fishers held its 50th Annual Fly Fishing Fair in Bend. Both events obviously generated a great deal of interest and increased service by volunteers. Thank you so much for the time you donated, all 139 of you.

These records can be very important when we apply for grants to maintain or improve programs such as Kokanee Karnival because they provide a measure of performance which helps donors

decide whether or not to award the grant. We also use these records to award a prize to each member who has volunteered 30 hours for the first time.

I need your help again to record volunteer time in 2015. In recent years, our number of volunteers has trended upward, so let's keep it going. The table shows results for the past seven years.

Year	Hours	Miles	Volunteers
2009	2,914	8,711	83
2010	4,614	23,967	87
2011	3,484	13,260	91
2012	4,903	27,040	144
2013	3,006	21,745	122
2014	4,091	19,037	113
2015	5,852	32,071	139

When there's a volunteer sign-in sheet at an event, please remember to sign in and enter your hours (working plus travel time getting there and back) and round-trip miles. The event coordinator will submit the sign-in sheet for recording. And if you're a coordinator, please include your preparation time, too.

If there's no sign-in sheet, or you forget to sign-in at a volunteer event, just email the following information to me at Fishingfool.Olson@gmail.com. Include: Your Name, Event Name, Event Date, Hours and Miles traveled (round trip).

If you don't have email, just write a note and give it me at the next meeting or call me at 541-383-4412.

Thank you all for your efforts! You're the reason we have such a great club.

~Dick Olson

PHOTO GALLERY

2015 December Holiday Meeting



UPSTREAM EVENTS February 2016

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
2nd	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
4th	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	Corol Ann Cary
7th	5:00 PM	Next Cast committee Meeting	Environmental Center	Karen Kreft
9th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
16th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft
17th	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Corol Ann Cary
17th	6:15 PM	Scott Cook	Pre-Meeting, Bend Senior Center	Dalton Miller-Jones
23th	6:00 PM	Winter Fly Tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft

In the Future

Redmond Sportsman Show, March 3-6, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, March 11 & 12, Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR

COF Winter Fly Tying , Every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM, January thru March 2016, Contact: John Kreft

Net Building Class, Place/Time: TBA, February 16, 2016; Contact: Debbie Norton


Annual COF Banquet, Riverhouse Convention Center, April 2, 2016; Contact: Peter Martin

Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA April 29 & 30

Sandy River Spey Clave, May 13-15, Oxbow Regional Park, Sandy OR

Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp, June 20, 21, 22, Shevlin Park, Bend OR; Contact: Karen Kreft



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