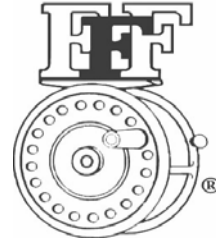


# The Central Oregon Flyfisher



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## GENERAL MEETING

Fly Tying by  
Experienced Members  
+ knot strength testing  
December 21  
6:30-8:30 PM  
Bend Senior Center  
1600 SE Reed Market

## Outing on Crooked River

*New Year's Day!*

Meet at Jake's  
at 9:00 am

## Dues

Don't forget that if you pay your dues before the end of the year, they are only \$30. After Jan. 1 dues are \$36

## Random Casts

Congratulations to Carl Sanders on being elected as the new Club President. He has a great supporting cast of officers and board members to lead the Club next year. Frank McKim, Ron Anderson and Harry Harbin are retiring from the Board to get in more fishing time. These three have done an outstanding job for the Club. Thanks to all of you and to those who contributed their time and energy to help the Club grow to 256 families. At the recent planning retreat attended by both the current Board and incoming new Board members, a decision was made about a library. The Club has owned a collection of books that have languished in unheated space for a number of years until I moved it into my basement two and one-half years ago. The 15 attendees decided that having a working library was appropriate but not one that included old and out dated material unless they were fly fishing classics. The following criteria were developed in establishing a library: (1) the collection needs to be stored in a climatically controlled environment; (2) The books are to be inventoried, cataloged and entered into the COF website; (3) a librarian is to be appointed who will issue books, retrieve books, and purchase current material.

Harry Harbin volunteered to be the librarian but thought that about 25 – 30 books were worth retaining. Nine Club members met and reviewed the entire collection of 300 to 400 books one by one. They were put into three categories- keep, sell at the silent auction or be used as raffle items, and sell at the monthly general meeting. The Board voted to authorize the librarian to purchase new materials which would be put on the website. There have been several good faith attempts to deal with the books over the years. But we are where we are: no inventory, few cataloged, no librarian, and no appropriate storage – just a lot of books in plastic boxes. The Board realizes that not all of the members would be happy with the decision. But we will have a working library with fly fishing classics and current material. For those who may object to the above plan, they should make a specific proposal to the Board addressing the criteria. A letter expressing a different opinion from Gordon Chandler is included in this newsletter.

Good fishing, Dave Dunahay

## **25 Books Do Not a Library Make**

If you are a newer member of COF you may not know that COF has a library. If you are a longtime member you may wonder where it has gone. It has been a very long time since it has been made available to the membership in any practical way. Earlier in our club's life the entire collection, consisting of hundreds of books and tapes, was carted to every COF meeting in plastic tubs. The members could browse through the tubs and check out a book or videotape. Through the years various members have donated books to the club library and the number of tubs of books that had to be hauled to the meetings increased. The burgeoning size of the library and the lack of a member that was willing and able to do the task made this system impractical. A couple of years ago we began an effort to put the entire collection into a database and put it up on the internet. The idea being that anyone could go online, find out if a particular book or tape is available, and make a request that the item in question be brought to the next meeting. That plan has not met with success because creation of the database is taking much longer than anticipated, and we never fully sorted out exactly who would be bringing books to and from the meetings, where the books would be stored, and other logistical details. There is a very partial list of items on the COF website right now but it represents a small fraction of what we have.

Another concern that some of our members have is how the books are to be stored. For a long time books were stored either on someone's unheated garage or in an unheated storage locker. The point has been made that the temperature changes we experience in Central Oregon through the course of a year are not conducive to maintaining our library in good condition.

Because of these difficulties the library has not been added to in any significant way for several years other than books donated by club members. Our collection is aging and for the most part unused. There are many new publications that would be nice to have in our collection

but it makes no sense to buy them if they are to just sit in storage. The board of directors rightfully decided that something should be done to make this valuable resource available again.

The board of directors has decided that paring down the library and updating it (buying new books) is a necessary step in this process. The thinking is that a smaller, more current collection is more manageable. The board has decided to sell off a portion of our library (older, supposedly less relevant books) at our monthly meetings, beginning with the December meeting. Another portion of the books are being saved for the annual banquet where they are to be raffled off or sold in auction. Only that fraction of the library deemed to be most valuable would be retained. These will be the most significant "how to" and fly tying books. Short stories, reminiscences, and historically significant ponderings will be lost. Out of the hundreds of books and tapes that we have, only 25 will be retained. Some of us have a problem with this approach.

Admittedly there are many books in our collection that are marginal. Thirty-year-old books that cover trout streams in the Catskills may be of marginal interest to someone living in Central Oregon today. But some of these older books still have the power to influence us today, and they represent the history of the sport that we all love. Some the books that have been selected to be disposed of could be considered classics. It is the view of some of the membership that many of the books that are to be sold off or raffled off are more valuable to us than the few dollars that they may bring in. Maintaining a large library presents us with certain difficulties however.

Some of the problems that need to be addressed are: where to store the library, how to make it available to club members, and who will manage it. The problem of storage may not be as much of a problem as some think. The library has been in unheated storage for a significant portion of its life and although this may not be the best thing, the books seem to have survived. The problems of how to make the library

available, and who will do the work, remain however. Creative ideas and willing volunteers are needed to preserve a part of our heritage.

Libraries are many things to many people. To some they are the place to go when you have a question about some current topic, to others they are a place to go when you have a question about where some of our current ideas came from, to others a library is a place to escape into the thoughts of skilled writers. To serve the diverse needs of all, a library should not only look at our current thinking but should also preserve our past and our culture. The undersigned feel that in this process of making our library leaner and more relevant we risk losing something important. We hope you consider what is about to happen and if you have any ideas that you could contribute, or have time to volunteer, that you speak out and/or pitch in to save an important part of our legacy. Thanks for your consideration.

**Gordon Chandler** – Past President COF, Past COF Angler of the Year  
Bob Griffin – COF Angler of the Year 2000  
Bob Mullong – COF Angler of the Year 1989, Past Vice President COF  
Doyle Goolsby – Past COF President, Past COF Angler of the Year

### **Wild Women of the Water**

Wild Women of the Water celebrated their second anniversary in October. I can hardly believe that the group has grown to 60 women who are also members of COF. I am very pleased with the progress we have made, and I am thrilled that Wild Women has been able to reach out to the community and involve women in fly fishing. We have more great outings planned for 2006. Some will be day trips, and some will be overnights. We will also try to make more casting classes available. And, we plan to have T-shirts or hats printed next year. To see photos of recent outings, go to [coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org) and click Wild Women. Stay tuned to your email for information about our meeting in January. Remember that the fishing can still be good even as the snow flies! Hope you can join in COF's

annual Crooked River Outing on New Year's Day. I am looking forward to a great year of fishing with everyone in 2006.

### **January General Meeting**

This month's meeting will be fly tying by Jerry Chris (tying paraloop and pull over hair hackle flies), Carl Sanders (who does our fly of the month), Wes Wada, Bob Cooper (maybe he will share the famous 'Coop Bug' with us), Harry Harbin, and Dave Dunahy. **John Anderson will be bringing insect samples collected from the Crooked River.** I'll have a spot set up with a digital scale to test different tippets and different knots for comparative strength. Bring in your favorite brand of tippet and test your knots against others. *Please bring some goodies to share - it's Holiday Time!*

### **January Outing**

Many, many years ago Gordon Chandler and I decided to go fishing on New Year's Day. It was a way to make sure that we bought a license early to be ready to go on any day that the whim hit us. One year it was so cold that the Crooked River had frozen into blocks of ice 3 or 4 inches thick. We only caught one whitefish that day, but ran into Jeff Perrin from the Sisters Fly Shop and he brightened up the day by pulling out a bottle of champagne to toast in the New Year! There was a year or two that we just had breakfast and then went home - remember the winter of '92?

Last year we met at the old Jake's on south 3rd street. They are open at a new location on east HWY 20. It is a little hard to find, on the north side of the road about a block west of Costco, packed in behind the Chevron station and Bed Mart. Let's meet at Jake's at 9:00 am for breakfast and then go to the Crooked River a try for the day. Don't forget to get your license ahead of time. This will be a 'fend for yourself' outing as far as food goes. I will bring a stove and coffee pot. Bring your own cooking pots, bowl, cup, stew, soup, or whatever and heat something up on my stove for lunch. I hope that you can make it - it's always a great way to start off the New Year.

## New COF Class Advanced Fly Tying Classes 2005 & 2006

I would like to put together a group of advanced tyers who want to expand their skills and interact with others of the same ability. The session would be scheduled for 1 night or 1 day on a weekend for 4 hours and lasting for 8 weeks beginning sometime in Dec. 2005 and continuing into 2006. I will provide materials for some class and I will provide a material list after the first meeting. Most materials will be things that advanced tyers will have anyway. We would set the exact dates for each class during the first meeting, with the knowledge that I allow for one missed class to be made up on a day that is agreeable to all parties in my home. My fee would be \$80.00 per student for the 8 week class, with a max of 8 students. Any other charges, such as room rental if necessary, would need to be added on to that \$80.00.

The class objectives:

- 1 - Improving and correcting your technique so that your tying becomes easier and more efficient.
- 2 - Fly construction, proportion, color, and size and how they all relate to the real bugs.
- 2 - How to handle and prepare new and old materials.
- 3 - Thread management and its importance in tying beautiful and long lasting flies.
- 4 - Experiment with materials and build new flies to actually try on your favorite waters and share the results with others in the class.
- 5 - Learn about and tie flies that are considered guide flies that you might never see in a book or Fly Shop.
- 6 - Tie flies from other countries and some insight on how they are fished and how they can be fished in the USA.
- 7 - Exchange your personal flies patterns with others in the class so they tie them and test them on their favorite waters.

I would like to hear from those interested in the advanced class and see if the objectives above are what they had in

mind. I will consider all suggestions as long as I feel that they will benefit the group. The world of fly tying today looks so large and vast that it hampers most recreational tyers. What I do is take fly tying back to its simplest form and improve the skills and correct those techniques that are actually holding a tyer back from moving on.

Thanks for interest,  
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Note: Jerry is a professional fly tyer and COF member. He has an international reputation after placing in international and US fly tying contests. Jerry guarantees satisfaction with the class or he will refund the tuition. The class is limited to 8 so contact Jerry immediately if interested. COF members only.



Big ol' fish this month comes to us from Brian O'Keefe. He caught Carl Cavallo on film with this nice trout that Carl caught on the Blitzen River. Looking at Carl's shirt, we know that this picture was not taken yesterday!



## Update on the New Zealand Mud Snail

John R. Anderson

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality recently confirmed the presence of the invasive New Zealand Mud Snail (NZMS) at two sites in the Lower Deschutes River (Heritage Landing, near the mouth, and at Wapinita, near Maupin). Since first discovered in the middle section of the Snake River in Idaho in the 1980's this invasive species has been spreading throughout western states. It is now established in 10 western states and 3 national parks. This snail reproduces by parthenogenesis, produces live progeny, and has a high reproductive potential. It has reached maximum densities up to 750,000 per square meter in sections of rivers in Yellowstone N.P. It commonly reaches densities of 100,000 per sq. meter, as recorded in Putah Creek in northern California.

Where established, the NZMS can make up 95% of the invertebrate biomass in a river, and studies have reported decreases in native macroinvertebrate populations in several rivers where the snail is established. Other sites in Oregon now known to be infested with this snail are: many sections of the Snake River and nearby Birch and Bulley Creeks; many sites along the Columbia River from the mouth to the Deschutes River; sections of the Rogue and Umpqua Rivers; Garrison and Devils Lakes. A Montana State University website contains maps showing exact locations where the NZMS has been found in Oregon (type in New Zealand Mud Snail in Google or Yahoo to quickly log onto their site and many others). Information also is available at the Oregon Invasive Species Council website ([www.oregon.gov/OISC](http://www.oregon.gov/OISC)) and the Portland State University Center for Lakes and Reservoirs website ([www.clr.pdx.edu](http://www.clr.pdx.edu)).

As has been the experience in other states, it is going to be very difficult to prevent or slow the introduction of the

NZMS into other Oregon rivers and streams. Researchers believe this snail most often is unintentionally transported and spread on damp articles like boots and waders. Under different conditions it can survive for days and weeks on damp boots (check the many sources of information on different websites for extensive data about NZMS survival under different conditions). Any method used to kill snails on contaminated fishing gear should be simple to use and not cause damage – and therein lays the problem. There are no really simple measures for killing these snails. The NZMS can be killed by freezing gear for several hours or by soaking gear in water at 130 – 140 F for at least 5 minutes, but the practicality of these methods has been questioned. Nevertheless, all of us should try our best to take any measures possible to prevent the spread of this invader. Other recommended measures for killing the NZMS are to: 1) remove mud and plant materials from watercraft, waders and boots; and 2) completely dry articles for at least 48 hours.

A recent study by the California Department of Fish and Game describes several other alternatives for killing snails on fishing gear. Their conclusions state that, "Our results indicate that copper sulfate (252 mg/L Cu), Formula 409® Disinfectant (50% dilution) and benzethonium chloride (1,940 mg/L) are effective at removing NZMS from wading gear in a feasible amount of time." They stated further that these materials also "... had no apparent effect on gear integrity" and that all were effective at removing snails from wading gear under field conditions. Solutions of these materials could be used for decontaminating several sets of wading gear. The researchers proposed that a cleaning protocol described in Appendix 3 of their study could be distributed via an outreach program to fishing organizations and others that might visit waters infested with the NZMS. The California study can be read at: [http://flyline.com/\\_images/nzms\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://flyline.com/_images/nzms_final_report.pdf). (use an underline before the words \_images,\_ final\_report)

## Christmas Wish List

OK - How many of you guys and gals out there flip through the fly shop catalogues and sigh at the sight of all the great stuff you see and WANT? Well, if you are like me, your significant other wouldn't know what a 5 wt WF floating line is from a 9' 5x leader. So - here's my plan. Let'em know what you want! Think of how the odds of getting what you actually want could go up drastically. Just fill in the blanks below, cut it out, and leave it around where someone MIGHT be able to find it. Good Luck and Merry Christmas.

### Rod

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Line size \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Pieces \_\_\_\_\_

### Reel

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Line size \_\_\_\_\_

### Line

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

### Leader

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ X

### Tippet

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ X

### Waders

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

### Shoes

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

### Fly Box

Brand \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

### Miscellaneous Stuff

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## KOKANEE KORNER

### Thank You Volunteers!

As we near the end of calendar year 2005, and after a very successful beginning to the 2005-2006 school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the organizations and volunteers who make our Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program the overwhelming success that it is.

The program is supported by a collaboration of five organizations including; Sunriver Anglers, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, U. S. Forest Service/Deschutes National Forest, Central Oregon Llama Association, and COF. These organizations and their members/employees provide thousands of dollars of financial support, and over 3000 hours of volunteer service each and every year so we can continue to deliver this valuable educational program to our local Central Oregon elementary school children. In addition, each partner has at least one volunteer on the Kokanee Karnival Steering Committee that is responsible for all program planning and operations. This committee also has the benefit of having several advisors who contribute on a regular basis, most of whom are program founders or long-time supporters of the program.

We have also more recently formed a partnership with Wolfree, Inc. which is a Portland based program delivering educational activities in science, ecological research and ecosystem restoration. This relationship was started because both organizations have delivery of outdoor educational programs to our local children as our number one priority. So far this year we have made significant investments for the future of our respective programs and by the end of 2006 we will begin to see the benefits in the form of additional participants in both programs.

It's been another great year for Kokanee Karnival and while I would like to acknowledge everyone for your help, the number of volunteers is just too numerous to list here. However, you all know who you are and I thank you for your outstanding dedication and support and hope to see you out there with the kids again soon. We cannot do this without you.

Mark Reisinger

# New/Renewal Membership

The following information is used in the roster. Include all contact data and other interests that you wish to have appear in the roster. Print legibly using block letters, all caps.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION (PAST OR CURRENT)	
SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME	SPOUSE'S LAST NAME IF DIFFERENT	HOME PHONE	
HOUSE NUMBER	STREET	WORK PHONE	EXT
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS			

How do you want to receive the COF monthly newsletter? E-mail saves big \$\$ (Check one.)  Email  US Postal Service  
Why did you join COF? (Check all that apply. List other interests on reverse.)

Acquire more knowledge  Find fishing partner  Volunteer for projects  Improve technique  Social functions

You must sign this release EACH year when you renew to attend or participate in club activities.

## LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by The Central Oregon Flyfishers, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgement that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The Central Oregon Flyfishers, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such COF activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against The Central Oregon Flyfishers for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in The Central Oregon Flyfishers.

**X**  
SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH DAY YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**X**  
SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH DAY YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

## DUES SCHEDULE

Memberships are renewable on January 1 of each year. New members joining prior to June 1 shall pay a full year's dues of \$36. New members joining after June 1 shall pay a prorated amount according to the chart below. New members who reside outside Deschutes County shall pay \$12.

THE MONTH YOU ARE JOINING	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
THE DUES YOU PAY (\$)	18	15	12	9	6	3

**RETURN THIS FORM** Mail or deliver this form and your check payable to The Central Oregon Flyfishers to the membership chairman. Forms unaccompanied by dues payment or that lack signature, name, or date on the liability release statement are considered invalid and will be returned to sender.

**The Central Oregon Flyfishers  
Membership Chairman  
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## UPSTREAM EVENTS – 2005

**December:** 1 COF Board of Directors Meeting, Dave Dunahay  
21 COF General Membership Meeting, Club members Fly Tying and knot testing

Note: For a complete calendar for the year, see Upstream Events on [www.coflyfishers.org](http://www.coflyfishers.org)

