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RANDOM CAST

I hope you have been getting on the water. June was an outstanding month for local fishing. Many club members view the June B.C. trip as an annual highlight. I certainly had a great time on the trip last year. But I have to say that the local fishing in June was at least equal to my experience in B.C. last year.

The salmon and stone fly hatches on the lower and middle Deschutes got the big fish to rise to the surface. The small fish on the upper Deschutes were eager and plentiful. The hatches on the Metolius were good. All the lakes became accessible and productive. It was a great month all around.

I was lucky to be able to fish quite a bit. Given the long days, I managed to get out after work a couple of times during the week. I was happy with a day of many big fish on dry flies on the Deschutes, but Dave Semich with his four Davis Lake bass, collectively weighing 18 pounds, may have taken top honors for June.

If you have not already, get out and go fishing. It does not get much better than it has been lately.

I'm looking forward to the club trip to the Williamson and other waters in that area next week. I'm organizing this trip; I have been sending information to the club's email list. If you don't receive email and have an interest in going on the trip, call me.



Dave Semich with largemouth bass caught on Davis Lake.

The Team USA Fly Fishing competition that I mentioned last month is in hurry-up-and-wait mode. Other trials are being held in other locations in September as well. Scott Robertson is contacting team members and alternates to see if the required minimum number are interested in a Central Oregon competition. If so, we'll move forward. Stay tuned.

Remember, the annual COF picnic at Shevlin Park's Aspen Hall will be held August 21. Also, the club will have a special meeting the day before (August 20, at the Senior Center) to discuss what to do with our excess funds and the potential for launching a significant new volunteer project. Please be sure to attend this meeting and the picnic if you are in town.

— Yancy Lind



GENERAL MEETING

July meeting

July 16, 6:30 p.m.

Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Sampling high lakes aquatic vegetation

Tom Walker, Fisheries Biologist with the Deschutes National Forest, will briefly discuss his plans for enlisting volunteer help to sample aquatic vegetation in many of Central Oregon's high lakes this summer. Invasive plant distribution information is important for the decision-making process when determining options for control.

Fishing strategies for the Deschutes

John Smeraglio / Owner / Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop, Inc. / 599 S. Hwy. 197, P.O. Box 334, Maupin, OR. 97037 / (541) 395-2565

The Deschutes River poses many challenges for anglers. John will discuss techniques for redbreast trout fishing on the Deschutes, setting up different types of leaders and fly rigs to increase the odds of success, useful gear, and reading the water to identify the most productive areas.

A native Oregonian, born and raised in Portland, John Smeraglio has been fly fishing since he was ten years old.

In 1985, John moved from Portland to Maupin, Oregon and opened a full-service fly shop (Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop) and guide service on the Deschutes River. He and his wife, Karen, operate the well-stocked retail store, manage guided fishing trips, classes, and clinics, and enjoy the benefits of living in a small community in the sun-drenched climate of the Deschutes River canyon.

John has been featured in magazine articles and books. John and Rick Hafele have produced some useful and entertaining fly-fishing videos.

EDUCATION

Thank you Damien Nurre and John Judy for excellent classes held in June. Remember to sign up in advance for the great classes coming in July. For more information or to sign up for a class, send email to Lee Ann Ross (rosslee-ann@yahoo.com).

Single-handed spey

July 27, 7:30 a.m., Farewell Bend Park, Damien Nurre

Arrive early, before sunbathers occupy the beach. Bring your waders.

Lake fishing

July 30, 9:00 a.m., Fly & Field, Scott Cook

Bring your fishing gear, floating device and lunch.

Upcoming classes

Spey casting

August 27, 9:00 to 3:00, John Judy, McKay Park

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OUTINGS

After an outing, please contact Bob Evermore about fish caught, wild fish stories, hilarious incidents, or other outing-related information.

– Bob Evermore

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541-728-0077 or 619-606-7400

2008 Outings

July 8 to 10	Williamson River/North Klamath Lake
July 26	Hosmer Lake
August 6	Three Creeks Lake
August 23	East Lake
September 10	Diamond Lake
September 25 to 28	Middle Fork of the Willamette (Don Schnack)
October 9 to 12	Steelhead Trip on the Deschutes
October 25	Grande Ronde River
November 15	Crooked River

Williamson River & North Klamath Lake

July 8 to 10 / Meet at Collier State Park / For more information, contact Yancy Lind.

The plan is to fish the Williamson and Wood rivers and Agency Lake. You need a pontoon boat, kayak, or something similar for all three areas. We'll camp at Collier State Park (no reservations, full hookups, \$17/night). Plan to arrive Monday evening (the 7th) or early Tuesday morning (the 8th). Everyone is on their own for food. For non-anglers, there are some hiking opportunities, and there's a canoe trail through the nearby wildlife refuge at Rocky Point (good birding).

– Yancy Lind

(541-312-6821 or yancy_lind@ml.com)

Hosmer Lake

July 26, 2008 / Meet in the parking lot at the lake at 8 a.m.

Known for its big brook trout and landlocked Atlantic salmon, Hosmer Lake is one of my favorite lakes in the area. With a maximum depth of 8 ½ feet and filled with crystal clear water, it is pretty hard to "sneak up" on anything swimming beneath the surface of the lake. Nymph patterns are used successfully in Hosmer most of the time, but Elk Hair Caddis and leech patterns are also successful. Remember to remove the barbs! If you catch an Atlantic salmon, return it to the lake after basking in the moment and taking a photo. **Salmon must be released here.** In June, ODFW planted about 3,000 quarter-pound Atlantic salmon in Hosmer. The boat ramp is located on the south part of the lake where the water is deepest. You can usually see some nice trout lurking in the reeds right at the ramp.

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If you're up to the task, take a run up to the north lake through the channel, where the water depth averages three to four feet. Fish in the north lake aren't accustomed to many visitors.



Directions: Take Cascade Lakes Highway (Century Drive) about 13 miles past Mt. Bachelor and just past Elk Lake to mile post 35. Turn left onto Road 4625 at the East Elk Lake/Hosmer Lake sign. Go just over a mile and turn right toward the boat ramp at the southern end of Hosmer Lake.

OTHER NEWS

On the lookout for invasive species

Attend this free Nature Conservancy workshop in Bend on Saturday, July 12 and learn which species to watch for in your area and how to identify, document, and report species.

For more information, contact Tania Siemens (541-914-0701 or tsiemens@tnc.org) or visit these Web sites: http://www.westerninvasivesnetwork.org/pages/nature_conserv.html, www.WesternInvasivesNetwork.org, and <http://www.WesternInvasivesNetwork.org>

– Tania Siemens
The Nature Conservancy in Oregon

FFF conclave

The 2008 FFF Conclave will be held July 23 to 27 in Whitefish, MT. On-line pre-registration opens April 21. Printed pre-registration forms will be in the spring issue of the Flyfisher magazine. Direct questions to Jessica at conclave@fedflyfishers.org.

High Plains Drifter fundraiser

July 31 to August 1, 2008 / \$1200/person



Join Rick Hafele, Dave Hughes, Brian O'Keefe and an exclusive roster of 36 invitees for the second annual High Plains Drifter, a fly-fishing expedition down the Deschutes River Canyon. For more information, contact Liz Hitt (lhitt@mvhd.org or 541-419-4715).

Steelhead rendezvous

August 8 to 10 / Deschutes River / Beavertail Campground

Peter Bowers, owner of The Patient Angler, cordially invites all COF members to his first Steelhead Rendezvous. Each day, there will be FREE, in-camp educational clinics, seminars, presentations, and demonstrations that cover using fly-fishing equipment and technical gear, ty-

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

The call of the open road, the call of the wild, the call of the outdoors – call it whatever you like. It's that urge to be outdoors fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, enjoying the scenery, or just breathing the air. Delores answered the call. She is now the proud and happy owner of a 16-foot Scamp travel trailer. If you see *Lady D's Lil' Redband* and *Bluebird* the next time you pass through a campground, stop by and say "Hi" to Delores.

In spite of temperatures that hovered near 100+ degrees, Wild Women enjoyed an afternoon outing on the Crooked River (at least the water was cold), potluck, and campout. Thank you Russ Seaton (The Hook flyshop) for your help. Campers took John Judy's excellent class in Slack Line Presentation the next day.

– Terri Grimm



Delores with Lil' Redband and Bluebird.

ing steelhead flies, and more (30 classes total). Peter will have a steelhead slide show on Saturday night. There will be a nominal fee for the two-hour, on-the-water casting classes (six classes total, six students/class). There will be six, guided, four-hour steelhead float trips (\$75.00/angler, equipment provided, as needed). Class sizes are limited, so sign up in advance.



For more information, contact Peter (info@patientangler.com or 541-389-6208), or visit <http://www.patientangler.com/>.

– Sherry Steele

Effects of global warming on hunting and fishing

A group of the nation's leading hunting and fishing organizations released a new report on April 10 examining climate change. *Seasons' End: Global Warming's Threat to Hunting and Fishing* details the predicted impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife habitat and the future of hunting and fishing in the United States. The group, which includes eight of the TRCP's partner organizations, also announced a new Web site, www.seasonsend.org, providing updated information on the science of climate change and what we can do to address this challenge. More information available from: <http://www.seasonsend.org/view/home>

– From FFF ClubWire, June 2008

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sampling aquatic vegetation

Large infestations of invasive Eurasian milfoil were located at the boat ramps at Hot Springs, Cinder Hill Campground, and East Lake Campground at East Lake in 2007. Preliminary surveys indicate that milfoil is scattered along three miles of the south and east shorelines. As the milfoil spreads, it will affect populations of native invertebrates, waterfowl, native aquatic plants, and introduced and native sport-fish species.

Volunteers are needed to survey lakes for presence/absence of Eurasian milfoil. Surveys would likely start after mid-June 2008, once the plants have grown large enough to allow easy identification. Surveys will be completed by mid-October. Samples collected will be delivered to the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District and eventually forwarded to Oregon State University for identification.

Volunteers should be familiar with other invasive species, such as hydrilla, zebra and quagga mussels, and New Zealand mudsnails. Publications with identifying photographs and descriptions will be provided.

The proposed project would conduct an intensive distribution survey of East Lake and also presence/absence surveys of other major boating lakes on the Deschutes National Forest, including nearby Paulina Lake. Distribution information of Eurasian milfoil in Central Oregon lakes is important for the decision-making process in determining options for control and distributing educational information to the public to limit spread of this invasive species to other waterbodies.

For more information, contact Tom Walker, Fisheries Biologist, Deschutes National Forest, Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District (541-383-4787 or tawalker@fs.fed.us).

– Tom Walker



Kokanee Karnival has had another record-breaking year. Every element of this award-winning program hit new highs for the number of classrooms and student participation. Twelve classes participated in the fall Streamside and spring Angling Clinic — an increase of two classes over the previous year. We plan to add two more classes, bringing the total to 14. Four of the classes will use the new streamside format that we piloted last year.

There are now 39 chillers in classrooms. Several classrooms receive eggs twice a year. None of this could have happened without your continued support. Thank you COF and members for your donations of cash and time.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to join the fun. A certified angler education training session will be held in Bend in January 2009. I'll let you know when I know the location and time. We would love to see some new faces.

– Dave Dunahay



NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL



New Zealand mudsnails are a highly invasive species of freshwater mollusk of the family Hydrobiidae. This species' tolerance for a wide variety of habitats, ability to clone themselves, and high reproductive rates have allowed them to rapidly spread throughout the western United States. Some estimates indicate that one female can clone and produce over 312,500,000 offspring in one year. It takes only one aquatic hitchhiker to start an invasion!

Why you should care

People provide pathways for spreading New Zealand mudsnails. Mudsnails can dramatically impact the bottom of the food chain by dominating primary consumption in aquatic communities they invade. Through sheer numbers, their dense populations outcompete native invertebrates for periphyton (food—algae and diatoms) and can cause problems in industrial facilities that become infested. They are a poor source of food for fish; fish will actually lose weight on a diet of mudsnails.

How they got here and spread

The New Zealand mudsnail was introduced to the Snake River in Idaho with a shipment of trout eggs from New Zealand intended for sport-fishing hatchery operations. They quickly spread into relatively pristine areas, such as Yellowstone National Park.

New Zealand mudsnails have been shown to spread independently upstream through locomotion. They are spread passively by birds, the digestive tracts of fish, and contaminated recreational equipment (boots and waders, lifejackets, kayaks, etc.).

What you can do

- Rinse all equipment after use (boats, trailers, boots, fishing or kayaking gear, scientific instruments, etc.).
- Freeze, immerse or wash with boiling water, dry, or chemically treat equipment before use in new areas.



COOL FACTS

It is believed that the western populations of New Zealand mudsnail all came from just two females. New Zealand mudsnails have an unusual form of reproduction called parthenogenesis—females reproduce by cloning themselves. They can pass through trout alive after being eaten. They can close their operculum, which allows them to survive out of water for several days.

REPORT THIS SPECIES! Oregon: 1-866-INVADER or OregonInvasivesHotline.org; Washington: 1-888-WDFW-AIS; California: 1-916-651-8797 or email invasives@dfg.ca.gov; Other states: 1-877-STOP-ANS.

Information adapted from Aquatic Invasions! A Menace to the West, OSU Sea Grant Extension, in progress.

TYERS CORNER

I want to wish everyone a great summer; it appears that summer may be here to stay this time. Most of the rivers and lakes are open. East Lake is still very cold, and fishing is slow. The Fall River is fishing tough these days, so you need to work for fish.

A COF member requested this month's pattern. Use the Cased Caddis for fishing the Crooked River. The pattern comes from notes out of the past. It is weighted with heavy wire of your choice, and the color should match the naturals. I tied this example with light colors to show the details. As with most nymphs, fish it deep, bounced along the bottom. It should work well with the two- and three-fly systems that are the rage today. Just a hint (especially for beginners): try fishing one fly at a time until you can detect the subtle takes that usually occur when fishing deep, and remember to finish the drift by letting your fly rise as it gets downstream. Some of the hardest takes are at the end of the drift, so stay with the fly until the end. If you like to fish with strike indicators, the new bubble style does a good job and holds up a lot of weight. They're not a joy to cast, but they work well.

GOOD LUCK and happy hunting.

Jerry Criss

(541-536-3581 or tlfly44@msn.com)

Cased Caddis

Hook: nymph hook, size 8 to 12, 2x to 3x length

Thread: color to match the body

Case: Use a fuzzy yarn that is multi-colors of the natural with a palmered hackle made from deer or elk hair. The more crinkles in the hair, the better.

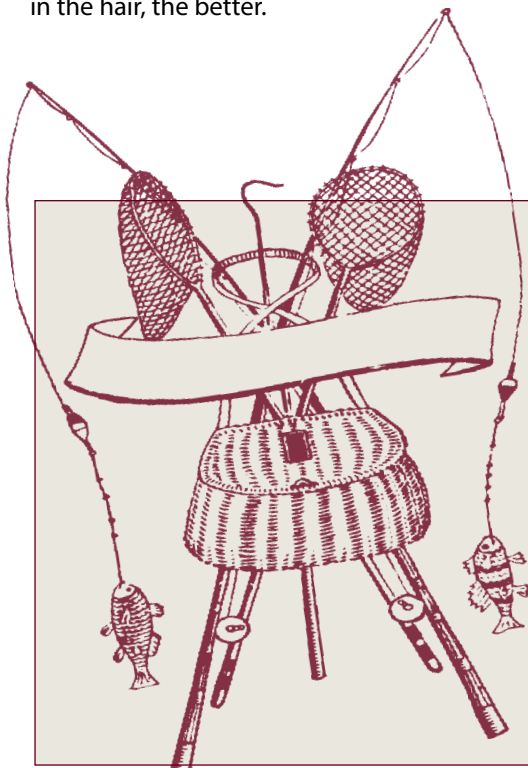


Legs: partridge light to natural

Body: dubbing or floss, yellow to deep green in color, Match the natural.

Head: peacock herl, One fine piece works best.

Attach the lead in the center of the hook. The hackle will float the fly. Placing the lead in the center balances the fly as it drifts downstream. Tie in the yarn body and make the loop for the hair hackle. Untwist the yarn to make it flat, which allows you to create a nice taper. Wind the yarn forward; stop $\frac{2}{3}$ down the hook. Take a patch of the deer or elk and clean out the underfur. Wax the dubbing loop and spread the hair out inside the loop. It will take about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches of hackle to do a #8 hook. Twist the loop until it forms a nice hackle, and wind the hackle forward in evenly spaced wraps. Stop just before the end of the case and tie off. Trim the hackle to shape the case. Tie in the partridge legs wet style by the tip just in front of the case; one full turn is enough. Next tie in the body material and wind forward to the hook eye. Attach the peacock herl on top of the body material near the hook eye and wrap the herl forward using only three wraps; finish with a neat little head just in front of the peacock. When you wrap the peacock over the body, you are wrapping the herl over a larger diameter, which prevents the smaller herl from breaking.



Seventh Annual Metolius Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair

July 19 and 20 in Camp Sherman

Bamboo rods, fly tying & fly-fishing gear

Volunteers needed for the COF/Kokanee Carnival booth and the fly-casting station

For more information, contact Capt Caddis
(389-4372 or capt@bendnet.com)

Central Oregon Flyfishers Up-Stream Events 2008

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
JULY				
Jul 3	6:30 pm	monthly Board meeting	Environmental Center, Bend	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Jul 8-10		OUTING	Williamson River	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Jul 16	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
Jul 19-20		Bamboo rod fair	Camp Sherman	Capt Caddis (capt@bendnet.com)
Jul 26	8:00 am	OUTING	Hosmer Lake	Bob Evermore (bob@poesociety.com)
Jul 27	8:00 am	CLASS - Single-handed spey	McKay park	Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)
Jul 30	TBA	CLASS - Lake fishing	TBA	Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)
TBA		Wild Women of the Water outing	TBA	Delores Marsh (ladyd@bendcable.com)

IN THE FUTURE

Aug 20	TBA	meet to discuss funds	Bend Senior Center	Yancy Lind (yancy_lind@ml.com)
Aug 21	TBA	annual picnic	Aspen Hall	

Non-Club Activities & FYI

Jul 12	On the lookout for invasive species			Tania Siemens (541-914-0701 or tsiemens@tnc.org)
Jul 23-27	FFF Conclave			
Jul 31-Aug 1	High Plains Drifter			Liz Hitt (lhitt@mvhd.org or 541-419-4715)
Aug 8-Aug 10	Steelhead Rendezvous at Beavertail Campground			Peter Bowers (info@patientangler.com or 541-389-6208)
Sep 20-21	Fly fishing Western lakes, John Smeraglio & Rick Hafele			Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop (1-866-647-4721 or john@flyfishingdeschutes.com)



Lee Ann Ross lands a nice one in British Columbia.

Fundraising Raffle

Cocktail Hours Float on the Lower Deschutes

This evening float during *cocktail hours* combines the best fishing times with the least pressured section of water. The evenings on the Lower Deschutes can provide the best dry fly fishing of the day during the caddis hatch. The trip runs 4:30 to about 9:00 P.M., starting at the Riffle Fly Shop in Warm Springs.

The value of this trip for one or two Anglers is \$295 or \$325 for three anglers. The drawing will be held at the July

16 COF general meeting — just in time for the amazing caddis hatch. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets: \$5 for one or \$10 for three. Purchase tickets at the COF general meeting in May and June or from The Riffle in Bend or Warm Springs.

Donated by The Riffle Fly Shop (www.theriffleflyshop.com or 541.553.1384)

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Please join the Federation of Fly Fishers and countless dedicated anglers in the fight against invasives by taking the Clean Angling Pledge today.

"I pledge to inspect, clean and dry my gear.

I am committed to protecting our fisheries resources from invasive species."



2008 COF B.C. Outing

Here are some highlights (and low-lights) of the annual COF trip to British Columbia that are sure to live on in COF history:

- Max Johnson driving his truck into the lake.
- Daryl Loveland going fishing without a reel.
- Alan Jones' grandson eating and eating and eating (and then sleeping).
- Gerry Inman peacefully sleeping in his pontoon boat.
- Don Schnack's Tennessee cousin describing how to fish the "Pinkie Dinkie."
- Introduction of the killer fly the "Pumpkin Head."
- Some fisherman having a 30-fish day with many fish on dry flies.
- Wayne Wright (our COF member from BC) sharing advice and flies.
- Bob Griffin working tirelessly to make the trip a success for everyone.
- Max and Gerry helping the newbies learn the local fishing techniques.
- Lee Ann Ross and her amazing travel trailer.
- The cold wind blowing and blowing.

Membership application available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org>
Mail all newsworthy items to cof@sonatainc.com by the 22nd of the month.



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Information about the club's annual trip to Leighton Lake, British Columbia is available from: <http://www.coflyfishers.org/bc>