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RANDOM CAST

Fishing has been pretty tough with super high water levels all spring. To get a better understanding of how these high levels impact your fishing, be sure to read Bill Seitz's article in the newsletter. (See page 6.)

Youth Fly Fishing – At the COF Board retreat last November, board members made a policy decision to put more time and resources toward youth fly fishing. Free COF membership is now available to youth under age 25. The future of any sport rests with getting younger folks interested in participating. We wanted to build on our enormously successful Kokanee Karnival program to interest kids in fly fishing and make them the future stewards of our rivers. Saturday, June 4 at the Bend Pine Nursery Park, COF will host its first Youth Fly Fishing event. The free program will include equipment setup, fish food and flies, safety and regulations, casting and hopefully a bit of catching as well. Please come out and enjoy a great day. (For directions to the Bend Pine Nursery Park, go to coflyfishers.org and click Maps and Directions.)

Additional club youth efforts this spring have included a **rod building class** for 16 kids at Seven Peaks School followed by a casting class with 12 students. These kids are now competent casters and have been catching fish at Shevlin Pond, Bend Pine Nursery Park and a private pond. Jerry Criss and Gary Lewis offered an introductory **kids' fly tying class** for about 15 kids. In June, COF will lead the Bend Parks and Rec youth fly-fishing class at Shevlin Pond. If you're interested in getting involved in youth fly fishing, please contact Bill Seitz.

Tui chub – Tui chub is an invasive species that inhabits too many of our Cascade lakes. For over 20 years, the resort owners at Lava Lake have tried to control the chubs by netting and removing them. It is laborious work, and the owners are getting too old to continue doing the work. ODFW, COF, Sunriver Anglers and the East Lake and Lava Lake resort owners recently met to try to come up with a plan for future control efforts. ODFW will introduce Blackwater trout into East Lake this summer. These sterile trout love tui chub, but unfortunately, they alone won't solve the problem. We will still need strong backs and interested volunteers to mechanically harvest the chub through a netting program. If you are interested, call Jen Luke at ODFW (541-633-1113) and let her know that you can help. Next year, we hope to be able to hire a couple of students to help out, but it will take time to get that effort organized and funded.

Volunteer hours – Recording all volunteer hours for COF members is extremely important. ODFW and other groups use the numbers to help them get grants for our area. If you have volunteered on any effort and a sign-in sheet to record the hours was not available, please contact Eric Steele (vicepresident@coflyfishers.org) and let him know those hours.

– Lee Ann Ross, President



Jerry Criss teaching a fly-tying class for kids. PHOTOS: Delores Marsh



GENERAL MEETING

June 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Organize your fly box

Before the meeting, Lee Ann Ross will talk about how to organize your fly boxes and make sense of what you have.

Thermal habitat quality in the Crooked River

Leading the June program, Dr. Brittany Kammerer, Post-doctoral Research Associate in Fisheries, Oregon State University, will present a brief overview of her research focusing on thermal habitat quality of the Crooked River (a cold control stream) versus other warmer streams in the John Day Basin. She also will discuss results of a recent genetic analysis used to determine the identity of fish in the Crooked River - research partly funded by COF.

Stillwater fly fishing

Clifford Sullivan will talk about how to successfully fish lakes. He'll cover where and how to fish, which flies to use (and how to use them), which insects to watch for and how to cover the water. Our lakes should be free of ice by now. This program is just in time to get you ready for lake fishing.

Sullivan, from Tracy, CA, is a member of the Tracy Fly Fishers and a certified fly-casting instructor. He has been fishing for many years and tying flies since 1956. He was the Northern California (FFF Council) fly tier of the year for 2007. Sullivan became an exhibition fly tier in 1990; he often ties flies at various fly-fishing shows.

OUTINGS



To lead an outing, contact **Yancy Lind, Outings Coordinator (yancy_lind@ml.com or 541-788-5514)**.

Lower Williamson River date changed

The dates for the outing to the Lower Williamson and Wood River have been changed to August 11 to 14.

Third annual Prineville Reservoir crappie marathon 2011

Jun 3-5 | Bob Mullong

Come join in a weekend of fun and friendship, camping and fishing for crappie in the upper end of Prineville Reservoir.

What: A unique opportunity to seek the notorious and sometimes elusive crappie, using fly rod techniques.

OUTINGS 2011

Month	Date	Leader	Destination
Jun	3-5	Bob Mullong	Prineville Crappie Marathon
	9-10	John Anderson	Diamond Lake
	23-26	Rick Sironen	Chewaucan River
	16-24	Rick Sironen	British Columbia - CANCELLED
Jul	14	Bob Griffith	Crane Prairie
Aug	13	Richard Yates	Malheur Carp Fishing
	11-14	Yancy Lind	Lower Williamson River / Wood River
Sep	6-11	Phil Hager	Cascade Lakes
	26-29	Lee Ann Ross	Diamond Lake (with Sunriver Anglers)
Oct	3	Frank Turek	Hosmer Lake
	9-12	Eric Steele	Lower Deschutes Steelhead
Nov	19	Bill Seitz	Crooked River Cleanup

When: Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5. If you can't camp, then just attend the main event on Saturday.

Who: Anyone interested in learning new tricks as well as honing old skills.

Where: We will be camping at Prineville Reservoir Resort, space #19. Each campsite has water and electricity. There are nice rest rooms and showers. There is a café serving breakfast and lunch. For reservations call 541-447-7468. Check out www.prinevillereservoirresort.com for rates and directions.

The Main Event: Meet at the marina at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. This fishery is best approached with powered craft, as we have to boat several miles up the reservoir. There is a dirt road that can be driven to a few spots that would accommodate float-tubes and pontoon boats. The marina rents boats and has launch facilities. Bring your hand-held radio.

As for the fishing: Crappie are heavy insect feeders and are not fussy when it comes to fly patterns (sizes 10-12), Black Ant, Black Gnat, Light Cahill, Zug bugs, poppers, Hare's Ear, Mickey Finn, Woolly Worm, Woolly Bugger, anything bead head, anything with rubber legs. If it looks like a bug and moves like a bug, a crappie will grab it. I will have the "secret flies" and, of course "The Map."

Plus, we might try for some BASS....Interested?

RSVP: Bob Mullong, Aka Capt Caddis (capt@bendnet.com or 541-389-4372)

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Diamond Lake

Jun 9 & 10

John Anderson will lead an outing to Diamond Lake on June 9 and 10, with an option to stay over the weekend. **Meet at the south boat launch at 10:00 a.m. on June 9.**

Directions: Diamond Lake is about a two-hour drive from the south Albertson's parking lot in Bend. Follow Hwy 97 south to the Crater Lake/Diamond Lake turnoff to Hwy 138. Drive about 18 miles until you come to the turnoff to Diamond Lake. Turn left onto Hwy 230 (toward Medford). After turning onto 230, take the first right turn (about 50 yds) onto Forest Service (F.S.) Road 6592 and follow 6592 for several miles. Watch for a sign (on right side of road) pointing toward Broken Arrow Campground and TURN LEFT here; then take the first right turn. (A sign at the left side of the road indicates the turn for the South Shore: there is a "snow park" sign on the right.) Go down this road for about a block and turn left to the boat ramp parking area. Don't forget to take and fill out a form/envelope for the F.S. parking fee of \$5.00 per day.

Campers: Register at a campground before arriving at the boat launch area. To reach the F.S. Diamond Lake campground and the private campground located on the east shore of the lake, stay on F.S. road 6592. These campgrounds are nearest the south shore boat launch. Campground hosts are located at each end of the F.S. campground, and the entry point is staffed. Register for a campsite between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. There are no electrical/water or sewer site hookups at the F.S. Diamond Lake campground, but there are toilets and showers. For further information, call the Diamond Lake campground (541-793-3310) or the Diamond Lake Ranger District (541-498-2531). The Diamond Lake RV Park, a full service campground, is located at 3500 Diamond Lake Loop (same road as F.S. 6592) (541-793-3318). Call to confirm that they will be open on June 9 and 10. The Diamond Lake Lodge and Motel (check out their website for options) has food and lodging.

Fishing: Fish from a boat, pontoon boat, float tube, etc., and use either/both floating or intermediate sink lines. Most of the time we will fish at depths of 4 to 10 feet. Plan to use fly patterns such as: chironomid midges; Cal-libaetis nymphs; the Birds' Nest; black and red leeches; the COF GHRT (Carey

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Special); seal buggers; stillwater nymphs; and damsel and dragon patterns. Chironomids in sizes 16 and 14 and other flies mostly in sizes 16 to 12. We will discuss fishing strategies at the launch site and eat lunch there or on the water. Bring strike indicators for fishing chironomids, and bring mosquito repellent.

RSVP: John Anderson (jranderson@bendbroadband.com or 541-385-8693)

British Columbia

Jun 16 – 24 | Rick Sironen (541-504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com)

This trip has been cancelled because only a few people have signed up.

Chewaucan River

Jun 23 - 26 | Rick Sironen

Please note that the contact person for this outing is now Rick Sironen (541-504-6697 or Rick@NWQC.com).

Chewaucan River trip will be Thursday, June 23 through Sunday June 26. Because of the access to private land, this trip is limited to twelve anglers; eight have signed up so far. Please see the May newsletter article for more details.

I have been in contact with the fly shop in Paisley. Flows are high now, and they did get a lot of snow. The river should be in good shape by the time of the trip. However, if there is a lot of rain between now and then, things may change. I will continue monitoring the flows and make necessary adjustments as we get closer to the date.

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Crane Prairie Reservoir

July 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Rock Creek Campground at Crane Prairie Reservoir | Bob Griffith

Watch for details in the July newsletter.

EDUCATION

June pre-meeting class

Prior to the general meeting in June, Lee Ann Ross will discuss ways to organize your fly box.

Slack line strategies

Tuesday, Jun 28 | 9:00 a.m. | \$30 | Big Bend campground | Instructor: John Judy from John Judy Fly Fishing in Camp Sherman

John Judy authored *Slack Line Strategies*. Many anglers consider this book to be the definitive primer on presentation skills. John will instruct us on slack line presentation techniques. This class is part classroom instruction and part on the water. Bring your rods, reels, floating line, boots, and your lunch.

Meet at the Big Bend campground on the Crooked River, Tuesday June 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Class size is limited to eight people. Payment is due by June 21.

Cost: \$30.00. Payable to: COF. Write "6/28/2011 Slack Line" in the memo field. Mail to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709 (education@coflyfishers.org or 514-633-0934).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Central Oregon youth fly-fishing day

Jun 4 | Bend Pine Nursery | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF), Central Oregon Fly Tying Guild, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will host the first Central Oregon youth fly-fishing day on June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bend Pine Nursery pond. This new, exciting event is designed to encourage youth participation in fly fishing. There will be stations for fly fishing, fly casting, setting up equipment (lines, leaders, and knots), fly tying, aquatic insects and flies, conservation, and general fly-fishing information. Youth will have the opportunity to fly fish for rainbow trout in the park's pond. (ODFW will stock the pond.) We will need your help for a few hours. Contact Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org).

Project Healing Waters

Central Oregon Project Healing Waters, a local organization dedicated to getting qualified veterans out fly fishing, is getting ready for the spring/summer fishing season. We are looking for participants and mentors, so if you or someone

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Central Oregon Youth Fly-Fishing Day

Bend Pine Nursery Park & Pond
Saturday June 4, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
For youth 11 to 17 years of age

To pre-register with name and age, go to COFYouthDay@coflyfishers.org
Or just stop by between 10:00 and 4:00.

FREE EVENT

Hosted by The Central Oregon Fly Fishers, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Central Oregon Fly Tiers Guild.

Learn about:

- Fly-fishing equipment and setup
- Fish food and the flies that imitate them
- Safety and regulations when fly fishing
- Where to fish and find information about fly fishing
- Sports fish of Oregon

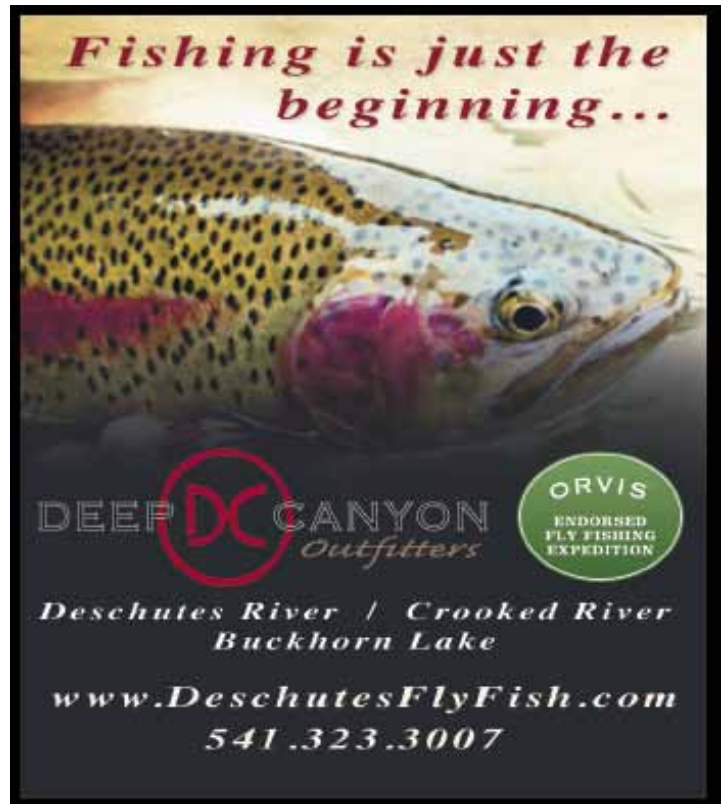
Learn how to:

- Cast a fly rod
- Tie an artificial fly
- Tie four basic knots
- **FLY FISH FOR TROUT IN THE POND!**

What you need to bring:

- Sunglasses and a hat
- Youth anglers 14 to 17 years will need an Oregon Juvenile Fishing License. Those 18 years and older who fish the pond will require an Oregon Fishing License.

Map showing location of Bend Pine Nursery Park & Pond at 2750 N.E. Parcell Blvd, Bend, OR.



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that you know is interested, please contact us. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Orvis at The Old Mill. For more information, please visit our web site at www.coph.org or call Brad Emery (541-536-5799).

Youth fly-fishing assistant instructor needed

Jun 20-22 | Shevlin Park

Each June, the Bend Parks and Recreation Department (BPR) sponsors a youth fly-fishing camp at Shevlin Park. The three-day camp will be held June 20 to 22, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon. Alfred McMicking has volunteered to run the program. Al is a new COF member who is a retired big-game hunter in Botswana, and he operated a fly-fishing guide service in New Zealand. He could use some assistance. If you are interested in helping, please contact Al (alfredmcm@earthlink.net) or Lee Ann Ross (rossleann@yahoo.com).

pact disc (CD), with pictures and tying instructions for more than 75 COF flies of the month, is now available for only \$5. Contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleann@yahoo.com).

WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Thanks so much to Sherry Steele for organizing our fabulous trip to Canyon Creek Ranch in May. We all had a wonderful time catching really big fish and enjoying great company. We have decided that this will become an annual event so mark your calendars for next year – the third weekend in May.

Our June outing to the Fall River with Frank Turek is full. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please let me know. Because this event filled so quickly, another June trip is being planned. Watch your emails for all the details.

– Kristin Lambson

623-570-6446 or wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

OTHER NEWS

Deschutes River salmonfly festival



Warm Springs, OR, June 4, 2011 – Deschutes River Camp, a fly shop and campground located near Warm Springs, OR, will host the first annual Deschutes River Salmonfly Festival. The event, which celebrates the famous hatch on the Lower Deschutes River, is free to attend. There

will be live music, food, beer, and fly-fishing films. More information available on the festival's facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Deschutes-River-Salmonfly-Festival/147507855318926>

Trout Unlimited meeting

Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m., Bend Environmental Center, Jimmy Eisner will present "Grazing to ensure the success of rancher and the fish – it's all about vegetation management."

– Kevney Dugan

NW Fly Fishing Club invites COF to Diamond Lake

Phil Hager from the North West Fly Fishing Club of Troutdale invites COF members to join his club on an outing at Diamond Lake, June 15 to 18. They will be located at the campground at the south end of the lake.

COF Fly of the Month CD

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Wild Women enjoyed fabulous fishing at Canyon Creek Ranch. Upper Photo: Sherry Steele lands a hefty rainbow. Lower Photo: Women enjoyed excellent fishing at the ranch.

CONSERVATION

Water, fish, and fishing – know the flows

When fishery biologists evaluate the fish habitat in a stream or river, they consider three major components: food (e.g., abundance and diversity of aquatic macroinvertebrates), cover (e.g., abundance of boulders, spawning gravel, and wood structures), and water (e.g., seasonal temperatures, timing and amounts of flows). Biologists learn how these components interact and relate to fish populations by conducting various inventory and monitoring activities on a variety of water bodies in combination with periodic surveys of fish populations (similar to the mark and recapture and radio telemetry studies now underway on the Crooked River). The knowledge they gain from these inventory and monitoring activities help them monitor the “pulse” of the fisheries in a water body. As a fly fisher, you essentially do the same “evaluations.” By “putting your time in” on the water, your experiences gained from fishing different waters at different times with varying success hopefully makes you a better angler. Essentially, you choose a site to fish because your past experiences suggest that site has the proper combination of food, cover, and water to produce some hook ups. Every time you fish, you refine your “mental model” for site selection, proper fishing technique, and fly selection.

What can you do to sharpen your “mental model” of where, when, and how to fish? One of the easiest ways to improve your success in knowing the water flows. The rest of this article will focus on water. How much do you know about the source of water and flows on the streams and rivers you fish in central Oregon? Biologists know that timing and amount of water flows are extremely important to maintaining healthy fish populations. This should be a tip off for us. As a fly fisher, it is extremely important to know the current and historic flows of your “home waters” and understand the source of the water for that water body. Why? Let me give you a practical example. Several years ago, I fished the Crooked River and did well (OK, not many trout, but lots of willing whitefish.), and the flows were a very fishable 120 cfs (cubic feet/second). Two days later, I went again, and conditions were significantly different – the flows were over 500 cfs. Fishing conditions drastically changed – fishable flows to TU (not Trout Unlimited, Totally Unfishable). I made a big mistake – I assumed the flows would stay constant. I did not check the flows and did not understand how the irrigation agencies managed the flows from Prineville Reservoir. The mistake cost me time to drive the 70 miles and money for gas in addition to not being able to fish. Sometimes the flow changes are subtle (e.g., an increase from 120 cfs to 130 cfs). In all cases, changing flows will have a definite impact on fish behavior – it takes a few days for them to adjust to their new “homes.” When flows change, where you caught fish one day will likely be different the next day. Changing flows also can influence the timing

and abundance of aquatic bugs (fish food) and, therefore, influence your fly selection and method of fishing. Often, major increases in a river’s flow will result in decreased water clarity and the fish’s ability to see certain fly patterns.

Knowing the source of water in a stream or river is extremely important to your understanding of flows. River flows controlled by dams are called tailwaters. The Crooked and Deschutes rivers are classic tailwater fisheries. The water collected in these reservoirs comes primarily from winter snows, rainfall, ground water, and springs. (This is a simple explanation for a complex subject because the hydrologic conditions in the Cascades are different than the Ochoco Mountains east of Bend.) The Metolius and Fall rivers are free flowing rivers. Their flows come from springs, ground water, and runoff from snow and rain and are not controlled by dams. In Central Oregon and most western States, irrigation has a major influence on how flows in our tailwater fisheries are managed. In Central Oregon, the irrigation season starts in mid-April and ends in mid-October. During the irrigation season, flows are pretty predictable. For example, the stretch of Deschutes from Wickiup Reservoir (the upper Deschutes) usually runs about 1,900 cfs. The stretch of the Deschutes below Bend and above Lake Billy Chinook (middle Deschutes) generally runs about 100 cfs.

After the irrigation season, flows are more variable with the upper section running as low as 50-80 cfs and occasionally higher (currently 960 cfs at Benham Falls) and the middle section around 500-800 cfs (currently 574 cfs below Bend). Off season flows are also influenced to a certain degree by the moisture the mountains receive the previous winter. For example, last winter the Cascades got above average snowfall and the reservoir levels were in good shape after the irrigation season. Flows in the uppers sections of the Deschutes this winter are higher because most reservoirs are close to being full. (Later in the article I’ll provide a Web site that tells you where to find current reservoir capacity.) During the off season, the irrigation companies periodically (usually monthly) recharge their client’s stock ponds. To do this, the irrigation companies release water from Wickiup Reservoir and withdraw the water via canals located in Bend. Unless you closely monitor upper Deschutes flows, the wide margins between normal flows and those modified by withdrawals in Bend may make the difference between a good and bad fishing trip in the middle Deschutes.

Irrigation flows on the Crooked River below Bowman Dam typically run around 220 cfs. When irrigation stops in October, flows on the Crooked River usually drop below 70 cfs. As you would imagine, these big swings in flows really impact the fishery habitat and fishing conditions. Even though the Metolius and Fall rivers are free flowing, the flows do fluctuate due to spring snow melt, flows from springs, and localized rain events. These fluctuations can cause localized

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changes in fishing conditions (high flows and off color water). It pays to check the flows before you go.

Another aspect of the regional flow picture is to know who controls the water releases from the reservoirs and the legislated mandates for the operation of the reservoir. For the most part, management of flows from upper Deschutes River reservoirs is controlled by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers and/or the local irrigation companies. For example, during the months when irrigation stops (late-October to mid-April), flows from the Crooked River can fluctuate (sometimes widely) because water levels in Prineville Reservoir above Bowman Dam are managed for water supply and flood control, not fisheries. Flows reflect snow pack and anticipated timing and amounts of spring run-off and the current storage levels in the reservoir. By law, the minimum flow from the reservoir can be no lower than 10 cfs. Flows this low, while uncommon, can really impact a fishery.

How can you find current information about the flows of central Oregon rivers? The internet makes it relatively easy to check daily flows. One source is www.westfly.com. This site provides up-to-date flows on the most popular rivers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. After you enter the website, click "Oregon," then scroll to "Current Reports" and select a fishery. Once a fishery is selected, the site provides current flows and historic flows. I like the Bureau of Reclamation site for flows in the upper Deschutes above Lake Billy Chinook (<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>). After you enter the site, click an area to find a recent history of flows. For example, if you click on "PRVO," it will show recent flows for the Crooked River below Bowman Dam. You can also see the flow entering the Prineville Reservoir and the current storage level of the reservoir (currently 101% full). You can also check on the storage capacity of Wickiup and Crane Prairie reservoirs. To check flows for other water bodies in Oregon, check out the USGS site (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/rt>). I bookmark my favorites and check them routinely to see how the flows fluctuate over time. If available, I always check the flows on the river I intend to fish before I leave the house and make a mental note of what the fishing conditions were like at those levels. For example, the flows on the Crooked River have been around 57 cfs all winter. If for some reason, the flow increases to 200 cfs, it would pay to wait a few days and let the fish habitat conditions settle down a bit. Keeping a fishing journal can be a big help. For example, my fishing partners and I had a great smallmouth bass float trip on the John Day last year (was it June or July?) at flows around 750 cfs. You can bet that I will be watching and waiting for those flows this year; I'll just have to rely on my fishing partners for the correct month.

Bottomline: Knowing the flows, the source of water, and how those flows are managed on your "home waters" will make you a more successful angler and a better advocate for the state and federal resource agencies managing these flows

for healthy fish populations. Spend some time surfing the net and check out the sites I've provided.

– Bill Seitz, *Conservation chair*

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TYERS CORNER

The Boti'coon is an effective fly for imitating midge emergers and adults in stillwaters. Several years ago, several COF members were fishing at Chickahominy Reservoir. Around 6 p.m., the lake came alive with rainbows feeding on midge emergers and adults. We caught a few but mostly we got our butts kicked. The next day, I talked with Wayne Wright, a COF member in Logan Lake, British Columbia. When asked what fly Canadians used to catch fish during a midge hatch, he said, "the Raccoon." I tied a few and tried the fly on some private waters north of Bend. The Raccoon was very successful in fooling some 20-inch plus 'bows. The fly also fooled brookies and 'bows in Three Creeks Lake south of Sisters.

The original pattern called for a tail of teal flank feathers, a collar of white ostrich herl, and a body of deer hair and black dubbing. After some use, the fly didn't hold up very well and quickly became waterlogged, so I modified the original fly to form the Boti'coon. It now has gills made using Oral B oval dental floss and a body of 2 mm light brown foam. The "new" fly has accounted for many crafty rainbows. I fish this fly using a tapered leader and a 3x or 4x tippet. It helps to treat the fly with floatant before use. After landing several fish, just squeeze the water out of the foam and cast. I cast the fly near rising fish and let it sit for six to eight seconds. Give it a few twitches, wait a few seconds and repeat the cast to another rising fish. Sometimes the takes are very subtle; other times it can be explosive. A bonus – this fly will take fish when fish are going for Callibaetis mayfly emergers and adults.

– Bill Seitz

Boti'coon (alias Raccoon)



Hook: #14 (preferred) and 16 dry fly

Thread: Uni-thread, 8/0, black

Tail: barred teal flank fibers (7 to 8)

Gills: Oral B oval dental floss

Body: overbody – a strip of 2 mm light brown closed-cell foam (Available at Michael's); underbody – black or dark brown Superfine dubbing

1. Pinch barb. Start the thread and advance thread along the hook shank till even with the barb.
2. Tie in 7 to 8 teal flank fibers.
3. Tie in a ¼ inch piece of Oral B dental floss crosswise as the "bow tie" for gills.
4. Cut a piece of 2 mm foam about two inches long and about one hook gap in width. Cut a point on the end of the foam strip and attach the foam to the hook about three eye widths from the hook eye.
5. Firmly secure the foam to the hook by wrapping the thread back toward the bow tie (see photo).
6. Dub a sparse body over the wrapped foam.
7. Fold the foam forward and tie down. Whip finish and cut thread.

8. Trim the remaining foam even with the hook eye (see photo). Trim the Oral B dental floss to form the gills.

Youth Fly Tying 2011

It started almost two years ago with a conversation between Bend Bulletin outdoor writer Gary Lewis and me about offering fly-fishing classes for the youth in Central Oregon. It took time to line up the schedules. During the month of May, two introductory fly-tying classes were held. The attendance and response were overwhelming. Fifteen of the greatest young people you could ask for attended. They worked their tails off both nights. Their patience, intensity, humor and consideration for each other were evident as they helped each other gather materials for each pattern and helped the person next to them get through a step, even when they did not fully understand exactly what they were doing themselves.

If these young people (they are in their teens or almost there) represent the future of fly fishing, it is up to each of us to help them carry the torch. This is their time, and they are asking us for our time and guidance to help learn this sport. Future fly-tying classes are in the planning stages, along with getting the help needed to do the job.

I want to thank Steve Amentrout, Chuck Burley, Delores Marsh and Brad Emery for their time and skills in helping get this project off the ground and Lee Ann Ross for keeping the youth program moving forward. I also want to thank the parents who helped in the class.

The youth of Central Oregon are here. It's time to get to know them and teach them. If you would like to help teach fly-tying classes, please contact me.

– Jerry Criss

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Recent events

Kokanee Karnival received a grant of \$600 from Community 101, an organization in Redmond. Community 101 is funded by the Oregon Community Foundation, the PGE foundation and Edwin Brown Education Center. KK submitted an application, and Frank Turek and Jennifer Luke made a presentation to Community 101 in March. The grant funds will be used to purchase trout egg incubators for the Eggs to Fry Kokanee Karnival program. Frank Turek attended the award ceremony on May 18 to accept the grant.



Frank Turek accepts a grant on behalf of Kokanee Karnival.

Hether Renz, a fourth grade teacher at Tom McCall Elementary in Redmond and long-term participant in Kokanee Karnival, was selected and won the Award of Finalist in the Oregon OnPoint Education Excellence program. Thank you to all the COF and SRA members who voted for her.

Spring Angling Clinic completed

Kokanee Karnival completed the Spring Angling Clinic at Shevlin Pond in Bend. We had some interesting weather a few days, but it did not stop the students or the volunteers from having fun. ODFW stocked the pond with 2,000 trout and 30 to 50 were caught each day. About 375 students attended this year. This event would not have been successful without the dedication of the following volunteers. These people donated almost 760 hours to Kokanee Karnival. Sorry if we missed someone, but we got the names from the sign-in sheets. Several volunteers received the "Marathon Volunteer" recognition (names in **bold**) for volunteering all seven days.

Al Allison	Alex Beattie	Allen Jones	Andy Smith
Angela Sitz	Bill Lincoln	Bill Raleigh	Bill Robinson
Bob Griffin	Bob Mullong	Bruce Stendal	Carol Christiansen
Chuck Devine	Curt Sexton	Dan Arnold	Dan Pebbles
Dave Dunahay	Dave Long	Dave Schmerber	Dave Semich
Delores Marsh	Dennis Patterson	Diane Reed	Dick Olson
Donna McDonnell	Earl Rettig	Frank Turek	Gary Gehlert
Greg Cotton	Jack McDonell	Jennifer Luke	Jerry Chris
John Anderson	John Hutmacher	Kathleen Schroeder	Mark Denny
Mark Reisinger	Mat Denny	Matt Rogers	Michael Riedy
Michael Smith	Myron Holub	Paul Hower	Pete Reed
Rick Demons	Ron Angell	Ron Jurasd	Sandy Dunahay
Sheila Schmerber	Tom Walker		



Kokanee Karnival volunteers have as much fun as the kids. PHOTOS: Delores Marsh

Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2011

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
JUNE				
June 2	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Lee Ann Ross (president@coflyfishers.org)
June 3-5		OUTING	Prineville Reservoir	Bob Mullong (capt@bendnet.com)
June 4	8:00 am	Youth Fly-fishing Day	Bend Pine Nursery	Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)
June 9-10		OUTING	Diamond Lake	John Anderson (jranderson@bendbroadband.com)
Jun 15	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
Jun 23-26		OUTING	Chewaucan River	Rick Sironen (Rick@NWQC.com)
Jun 26		Wild Women		Kristin Lambson (wildwomen@coflyfishers.org)
Jun 28	9:00 am	CLASS - Slack Line Casting	Big Bend Campground	Gary Meyer (education@coflyfishers.org), taught by John Judy

IN THE FUTURE

Jul 14 Crane Prairie, Bob Griffith

NON-CLUB ACTIVITIES & FYI

Jun 4 Deschutes R. salmonfly festival, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Deschutes-River-Salmonfly-Festival/147507855318926>

Jun 20-22 Bend Parks & Rec youth fly-fishing camp, Alfred McMicking (alfredmcm@earthlink.net)

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