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Thanks to John Krefl and Peter Martin for donating a box of flies on behalf of COF to the Bend Surgery Center Foundation for their annual fund raiser held at the Tower Theater. The Foundation raised \$50k for scholarships to Central Oregon graduates going into healthcare.

The Redmond Sportsman's Show is coming up, and a few more volunteers would be helpful to run things smoothly. See Carol Ann's article on Page 5 and give her a call.

Another great opportunity is the 25th anniversary of the Northwest Fly Tyer and Flyfishing Expo in Albany, OR. See the article by ORCFFF President Sherry Steele. (Yes, we're related.) Check out all of the latest info at <http://nwflytyerexpo.com>. Sunday, March 3, is the last day to register online for classes.

Thanks to Jim Cox, Western Rivers Conservancy and Tom Peterson, Manager Cottonwood Canyon State Park for their presentation at our February monthly meeting. For those unable to make the meeting, I can say it was very educational. Some of you wanted to know how to contact Tom for further information and volunteer opportunities. You can email Tom at tom.v.peterson@state.or.us.

Our wonderful Annual Banquet is will be held April 6, and the committee is moving right along in preparing for a first-rate event at the Riverhouse Convention Center. Debbie Norton has been working diligently to bring us some great items for the auction and raffle. Historically, half of our donations have come from members, and it would be much appreciated if you could get those to Debbie soon.

— Eric Steele, President
(cell 541-420-8108 or home 541-549-2072)



Owyhee River outing, March 2012. PHOTO: Rick Sironen

GENERAL MEETING

Mar 20 | 6:30 P.M. | Bend Senior Center, 1600 S.E. Reed Market Road, Bend

Central Oregon fishing update

Brett Hodgson and colleagues from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will deliver their always popular update on fishing in Central Oregon. The program will include information about:

- chub removal program in East and Lava lakes
- Deschutes River monitoring and Crooked River update
- highlights on anadromous fish reintroduction
- ongoing efforts to improve our lakes/reservoirs fisheries

In 2013, ODFW will undertake many projects that may provide volunteer opportunities.

OUTINGS

Information about the March COF outings will be available at the general meeting

Currently there are two COF outings scheduled for the month of March. Lee Ann Ross is heading up the annual trip to the Owyhee River to catch the large German brown trout that inhabit that river, and Bill Seitz is leading the annual Crooked River Clean-up and BBQ. Both outings are great opportunities to get out early in the year, enjoy the camaraderie of club members, catch some fish, and perhaps experience a place not seen before. For information about these outings, see the related articles in this newsletter, call or send e-mail to the outings leader, check out the online COF Google Calendar, or talk with these individuals at the "Outings Table" prior to our general meeting on March 20.

On April 27 Yancy Lind will again lead an outing to the Steelhead Falls area of the Middle Deschutes. Having participated in the trip last year, I give it a 10 of 10 rating. The trip was well organized. Clear directions were given on how to get to the gathering place, a pre-fishing meeting provided information on the river and how to fish it, participants were spaced along the river in the best fishing locations, assistance was provided when needed and everyone caught some fish. It was a great day. Yancy will also be available at the "Outings Table" prior to the March meeting.

– John Tackmier, Outings Coordinator
(outings@coflyfishers.org or 541-549-6252)

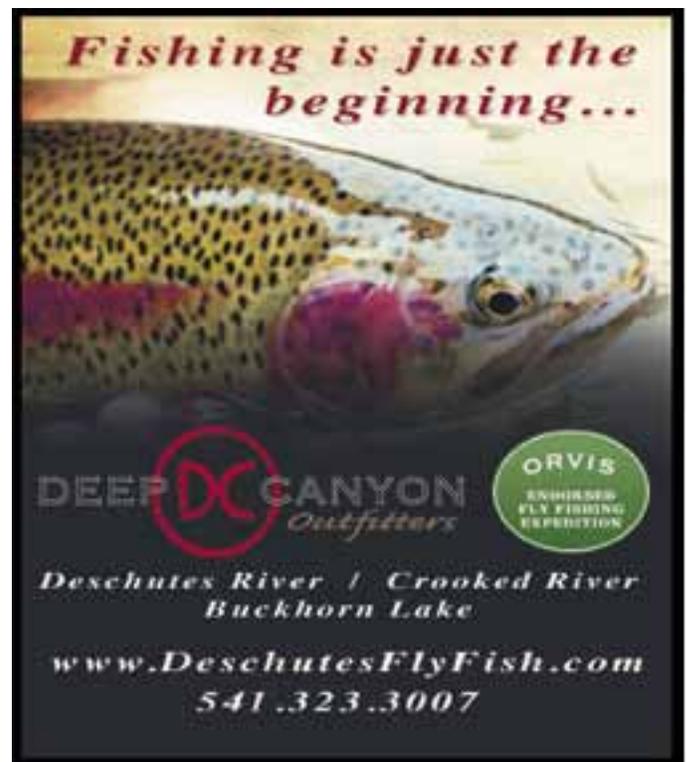
OUTINGS 2013			
Month	Date	Leader	Destination
Mar	24-27	Lee Ann Ross	Owyhee River
Mar	30	Bill Seitz	Crooked R. Cleanup & BBQ
Apr	27	Yancy Lind	Middle Deschutes River
May	TBA	Joe Wierzba	Antelope Flat Reservoir
May	TBA	Dave Semich	Davis Lake
May	7	Yancy Lind	Lower Deschutes River float trip
May	18	Yancy Lind	Crooked R. for Beginners
May-Jun	31-2	Betsy Brauer-Mullong	Capt. Caddis Crappie Challenge
Jun	21-23	Richard Yates	Blitzen River & Fish Lake
Jun	25-30	Rick Sironen	Chewaucan River & nearby waters
Jul	TBA	John Tackmier	Three Creeks Lake
Aug	8-11	Yancy Lind	Williamson River
Oct	6-9	Robert Gentry	Lower Deschutes Steelhead

Owyhee River

Mar 24 to 27

The Owyhee River downstream from Lake Owyhee Dam is one of Oregon's best-kept tailwater secrets. Fishing picks up in March as the ice eases off the river. It looks and fishes like the Crooked River, except for the big brown trout. To prepare, you can check out the November/De-

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ember 2012 issue of Northwest Fly Fishing which has a feature article on the Owyhee. Also check out the Dry Fly Innovation blog from March 2012 on the web at <http://www.dryflyinnovations.com/2012/03/>. If you are interested in the trip, contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com).

Crooked River cleanup and fishing outing

March 30 | Big Bend Campground

Help clean up the Crooked River on Saturday, March 30. Meet at the Big Bend Campground just downstream of Bowman Dam at 9:00 A.M. We'll divide into teams and clean five sections of the Wild and Scenic River section of the Crooked River downstream of Bowman Dam. Picnic lunch at noon. Members will be on hand to provide help for new anglers. For fly selection, see the Crooked River presentations by Frank Turek and me, available on the COF website. Bring gloves and, if you feel comfortable wading, waders to clean up the south side of the river. I hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact me. Let me know if you plan to attend, so I can plan the food.

– Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)

EDUCATION

Techniques

Dolores Marsh and Pete Martin were the instructors for our techniques session on dry-fly fishing at the February meeting. Some of the discussion included: clipping off loops and knotting for a free flow of the line through the guides, which knots to use and why, how to lengthen the line with a butt, which tippet to use, how the line should lay down on the water and more. Thanks Dolores and Pete!

At our March meeting, the topic will be rigging for nymphing. Bill Seitz, who knows most of the trout in the Crooked River by their first names, will be there to demonstrate and answer questions. This will be a chance to learn the techniques for catching the most fish.

In April, the subject will be flies, including how to organize your fly box. Lee Ann Ross will answer questions and help you with your own

fly boxes, if you bring them along. Lee Ann recommends the following YouTube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BMeL7IZLyA>

Techniques sessions begin just after 6:00 P.M. (one-half hour before the monthly general meeting). Techniques are aimed at beginners, but everyone is invited to come and learn more.

If you have questions or comments or want to volunteer to teach a session, please contact Kathleen Schroeder (541-480-3185 or education@coflyfishers.org).

Winter seminar

Our winter seminar on lake fishing, presented this year by the Sunriver Anglers, was a huge success. One of the scheduled presenters, Brian Chan, had to cancel due to illness, leaving Phil Rowley to cover all the material for the whole two days. Phil accomplished the task, never seeming to tire. Due to the excellent management of the event by Doug Vakoc and the Sunriver Anglers, the event ended well in the black. Our thanks to Doug and the SRA!

Speaking of lakes...the following excellent website, produced by Portland State University, is an atlas of the lakes of Oregon that could prove extremely helpful: <http://aol.research.pdx.edu>.

Advanced programs

Jeff Perin of the Fly Fishers' Place in Sisters has volunteered to teach a large and generous number of classes. Soon to be scheduled: a Czech nymphing seminar on the Crooked River and a streamside seminar on the Metolius River.



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COF winter fly-tying series

The COF winter fly-tying classes continue every Tuesday evening through March 26. Classes have been well attended, with lots of great flies tied.

Thanks to the instructors who have taught some great fly patterns: Wes Wada, Jerry Criss and Cullen Whisenhunt.

Come join us for one or all of the remaining classes. Contact me, and I'll add you to the email list. You should have basic fly-tying skills; one-on-one instruction is limited.

Meet at the Bend Senior Center at 6:00 P.M. Cost is \$5 per session to offset the room and materials costs.

—John Kreft (cell: 503-559-3811 or jckreft@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP

To join, go to coflyfishers.org to print a form. Current rosters are available by request, so please contact me at the next meeting or send email to membership@coflyfishers.org with ROSTER as the subject.

Welcome New Members

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Sam Mitchell
Garrett Kersavage

— Gary Meyer, Membership Chair

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

Youth Programs across the country and right here at home

If you read the fall-winter issue of International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) magazine, you will see several articles about club activities across the states that offer youth programs. There are programs in Washington, Idaho, California, Georgia, New York, Florida, Mid-South states (including Tennessee and Mississippi), Montana, and Colorado! All of the programs offer a similar curriculum that includes fly tying, casting, entomology, and fly fishing.

A few programs operate in a camp setting with overnight activities, one program is a backpacking trip, and school classes are a part of the physical education program. Most of the events are annual and operate as a single-day workshop or outing.

While the individual events may be specific to a club or an area, the message is consistent and very clear—thousands of hours of very passionate volunteers, donations, and club support are put to use to cultivate a new generation of fly fishers.

One young fly fisher from Colorado, now 18 years old, is an IFFF casting champion and was a competitor at the National Fly Fishing Championship held in Bend last fall. He may be an exception, casting 30 minutes every day, fishing three or more days a week, and traveling to exotic locations to fish, but he does have the passion and shares it with his fellow students! He suggests that to capture this younger generation, we may have to market flyfishing as a more “extreme” sport, like skateboarding, surfing, or rock climbing—activities that compete for time and resources. He thinks that specific clothing and an identity to this “way of life” (being outdoors and maintaining the intimate relationship with water and the outdoors) will be a selling point.

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Fly & Field
OUTFITTERS

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What's next for us? Short of skateboards, we are on the right track and offering a variety of activities for local youth. We have piloted a fly-tying series in Sisters for eight weeks, ending mid-March. The students meet at The Fly Fishers Place after school and learn fly tying. Similar to the winter fly-tying sessions, students pay a fee to purchase materials, join the Central Oregon Flyfishers as Next Cast members, and tie one or two flies each week.

In April, we will begin our third session with REALMS, a local Bend Charter Middle School. This session is a school elective course and allows us several weeks to instruct in the classroom and have several field trips for fishing, entomology, and conservation. There will be several opportunities to volunteer for these Friday classes.

We will partner with ODFW on May 11 for a youth fishing day at Bend Pine Nursery. While ODFW will provide gear for bait fishing, COF volunteers will provide fly-fishing instruction. Volunteers will staff stations to teach knot tying, entomology, casting, fly tying, gear and equipment, and fly fishing. We have had up to 50 kids go through the program and hope for that success again this year.

Through the Bend Parks and Recreation programs, we will offer a three-day fly-fishing workshop June 18, 19 and 20 at Shevlin Park. Participants will sign up through Bend Parks and Recreation, and COF will provide instruction in entomology, knot tying and rigging, casting, fly tying and fly fishing. Again, there will be volunteer opportunities for this workshop.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Kreft (503-409-0148 or nextcast@coflyfishers.org).

OTHER NEWS

Kids' fishing pond at the Redmond Sportsman's Show

March 7 through 10 | Deschutes County Fairgrounds

Every year, COF volunteers run the kid's fishing pond at the Sportsman's Show at the Deschutes County fairgrounds. It's fun to help kids 12 and under catch trout and see their excitement when catching their first fish. In addition, the club earns a generous donation. We need your help staffing this fun-filled event Thursday through Sunday, March 7 through 10, so mark your calendar now. We had 36 volunteers last year to help share the work. If you've never done this before, give it a try. You can volunteer for a half-day shift, and then spend the other half touring the show. (Volunteers get free admission.) You'll be glad you did! In addition, we need flies for the kid's fishing pond. If you can tie and/or donate egg patterns or San Juan worms, please bring them to the COF meeting in February. For

more information and to volunteer, contact Carol Ann Cary (corolann@gmail.com).

25th annual Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo

The Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers welcomes you to the 25th Annual Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. This year's Expo has new and exciting opportunities to learn. Download the expo program (PDF file) from: <http://www.nwexpo.com/>

There will be 202 tyers, 56 exhibitors, 116 classes (sign up online until March 3, 2013), daily casting demonstrations at the casting pond, free fly-fishing theater presentations, and a special banquet on Saturday night. (Purchase tickets online. Limited quantities will be available at the merchandise booth.)

Don't miss the special event of the weekend: the 25th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, March 9. Join your fellow anglers in celebrating the 25 years of the NW Fly Tier Expo with a buffet dinner, onetime only showing of the special anniversary "25 years of tying" video featuring the organizers and tiers that have made the Expo happen for the last 25 years. The evening culminates in a benefit auction for the Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers that includes items such as guided trips, fly plates and fly-fishing gear. This celebratory evening begins with a social hour from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. Each attendee will receive a free DVD of the 25th Anniversary Video.

Davis Lake electrofishing

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is scheduled to electrofish Davis Lake May 13 through 15 and May 19 through 22. Dates may change due to inclement weather. Electrofishing occurs at night and should not affect angling opportunity. Questions and concerns, please contact: Brett Hodgson, ODFW District Biologist, 541-388-6009.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Two new DVDs available in March

These DVDs are this year's first installment of the library's ongoing program of adding new and pertinent materials to our library. Both of the items described below were selected to highlight skills and techniques commonly used on two of our local waters: spey fishing for steelhead on the lower Deschutes River and Czech nymphing for trout and whitefish on the Crooked River. Stop by the library table at our next meeting, look them over and check them out, or check out other items.

Spey Fishing Steelhead with John Hazel

70-minute DVD | produced as part of the Fly Fish TV "How To" Video Series

John Hazel is a professional instructor, guide and owner of the Deschutes Angler Fly Shop in Maupin, Oregon. He is one of the pioneers of spey fishing in the Northwest and has introduced numerous anglers to two-handed rod fishing. The video includes five parts: presentations (skaters, sub-surface and wet flies), reading the water, working the run, steelhead habits and fly selections. Most importantly, you will learn how to catch steelhead with spey gear! John will show you precisely how to properly present a variety of patterns in a number of water types. Flats, pockets, ledges, boulders, riffles and big water are all covered.

Czech Nymphing 101 and Related European Methods with Steve Parrott

146-minute DVD

Kirk Deeter, Editor-at-Large with Field and Stream, gives this DVD a two thumbs up by saying, "I've never seen a more pragmatic, thorough, accessible primer on this subject." This DVD covers nymphing types: Czech, Polish, French, Lilliput, and Spanish. It also highlights methods of casting, line control, strike detection, hook set, and more. "Segment" portion includes the following: equipment, preferred gear, line and rigging, and fly selection. Also includes four proven fly patterns and step-by-step instruction on how to tie them.

—John Tackmier, librarian, outings@coflyfishers.org

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The current legislative session in Oregon has a variety of bills that should be of interest to anglers throughout the state. Here are just a few of them. (SB = Senate Bill, HB = House Bill.)

- I put this one at the top of the list as this is something that has bothered me for as long as I have lived in Oregon. Like most of you, I am mostly a catch and release angler. But, a hatchery steelhead tastes great coming out of my smoker. When I get one of these fish,

I want to kill and gut it as soon as possible, but cleaning it in the river is currently illegal. HB 2697 allows fish carcasses (defined as any part of a fish) to be returned to the water where it was caught.

- Suction mining in our rivers and streams by hobbyist gold miners is gaining in popularity again, and it destroys fish habit. SB 115 would prohibit this activity.
- SB 199 expands the methods for converting water rights to in-stream water rights, thereby allowing water to be returned to rivers. It is surprisingly difficult for an existing water rights owner to give up those rights for the express purpose of leaving the water in-stream. Current law is focused on passing water rights between users.
- SB 425 is a related bill ensuring that water rights transfers would not result in a loss of in-stream habitat for fish and wildlife. This can happen when users acquire rights and put in dams, diversions, change place of withdrawal, etc.
- SB 217 would establish a \$100 annual administrative fee for water rights owners. These owners have the benefit of their rights, yet the cost for administering this system is borne by Oregon taxpayers.
- SB 401 adds portions of many rivers to the list of those covered by the State Scenic Waterway Act. This protects these waterways from dams, mining, and other activities. The new additions are some of the most cherished rivers by anglers in Oregon but collectively only cover 0.25% of Oregon's waterways.
- SB 360 exempts a hydro project from current fish screening regulations, a dangerous precedent.
- HB 2530 prohibits farming, cultivation or incubation of genetically engineered fish in Oregon.

Turning to the primary Federal issue for Central Oregonian anglers, the Crooked River legislation that has been a subject of this column many times in the past should be reintroduced within the next 30 to 60 days. While bills were introduced last year in the House and Senate, they died when Congress adjourned. Senator Merkely has been working with Representative Walden to introduce a single bill that will be acceptable to both chambers of Congress.

This joint bill should be very similar to the bill Merkley introduced in the Senate. Some clarifying language changes have been made at the request of the Bureau of Reclamation. There have been attempts by some in the conservation community as well as some representing irrigators and the City of Prineville to go back and make more substantive changes, but those attempts have not been successful.

Oregon has a small population, and I have learned that communication from individual constituents is very powerful. Every letter or email is read. If you have an opinion on

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any of these bills, contact your representative and let them know. I sent an email simply providing a list of bills that, as an angler, I oppose or support. It was easy.

Find your representative by following this link: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/home.htm>.

For most of us, these are:

US Senate:

Sen. Jeffery A. Merkley, <http://merkley.senate.gov/contact/>

Sen. Ron Wyden, <http://wyden.senate.gov/contact/>

US House: **Rep. Gregory P. Walden**, <https://walden.house.gov/e-mail-greg>

OR Senate: **Sen. Tim R. Knopp**, Sen.TimKnopp@state.or.us

OR House: **Rep. Jason Conger**, Rep.JasonConger@state.or.us

CONSERVATION

Medford Regional Water Reclamation Facility outfall assessment study

A link to the study is available on the COF website. View the PDF file: <http://coflyfishers.org/cof/pdfs/Medford%20Outfall%20Report%20Final%201-11-13-sm.pdf>

Recently, the Rogue Fly Fishers (RFF) released a scientific study. The RFF were the lead organization for the study. The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and the Klamath Fly Casters also participated financially. The Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and the International FFF provided \$3,000 of the \$5,400 of the budget. Rick Hafele, retired aquatic entomologist for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), conducted the study.

As background, most of the sewage in the Medford area is collected and treated at a regional plant before it is discharged to the Rogue River about a mile downstream from the Tou Velle Bridge. The flow from the plant is 17 million gallons a day in the summer. Club members that fished the river noticed a foam discharge stretching nearly 0.5 miles below the outfall. The scientific study was designed and conducted to document the impacts of the outfall on the river's aquatic macroinvertebrates. The results, presented in the PDF, showed the impacts to be significant and confirmed that the discharge is in violation of the Oregon Biocriteria Standard and the NPDES permit. To solve the problem, it appears that the outfall will have to come out of the river or the treatment plant will have to go to a higher level of treatment. The Oregon DEC has received the report for consideration. This is just the first step in the resolution of this major degradation to the Rogue River. Hopefully, all parties can come to a speedy resolution.

– *Bill Seitz, Conservation chair*

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife news release

February 6, 2013

Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species, Wildlife Integrity coordinator, (503) 947-6308

Meg Kenagy, ODFW Conservation Communications coordinator, (503) 947-6021

Boat inspection stations open in Oregon to target invasive species

SALEM, Ore. — The aquatic invasive species boat inspection station at the Ashland Port of Entry will open on Feb. 11, 2013. Stations in Gold Beach, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Ontario will open in the coming months.

All vehicles carrying motorized or non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, sailboats, etc.) are required to stop. Motorists are alerted to inspections stations by orange “Boat Inspection Ahead” signs followed by a white “Inspection Required for All Watercraft” sign. Failure to stop at an inspection station could result in a \$110 fine.

Inspections usually take less than 10 minutes if boats are free of aquatic invasive species. If a boat is found to be contaminated with species such as quagga or zebra mussels, it will be decontaminated on site by the watercraft inspection team with a hot water pressure washer. There is no penalty or cost for the boat owner if their boat is found to be contaminated with invasive species.

Inspection stations are operated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at Port of Entries, highway rest stops and boat ramps across the state.

2013 Locations of Watercraft Inspection Stations in Oregon

- Ashland I-5, Ashland Port of Entry: 2/11/13 – 10/1/13
- Gold Beach Hwy 101: 7/8/13 - 10/1/13
- Klamath Falls Hwy 97 at Midland Rest Area: 5/1/13 - 9/15
- Lakeview Hwy 395 south of Lakeview: 5/1/12 - 9/15
- Ontario I-84 and Hwy. 20 at Ontario Rest Area: 5/1/13 - 10/1/13

Full schedule (pdf)

“Boat inspections work,” said Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species, Wildlife Integrity coordinator, “but just as important is educating boat owners about how to inspect their own boats. Prevention is the only way to keep aquatic invasive species out of Oregon’s waters. Once invasive species are introduced and established there may be very little that can be done. It will affect how all Oregonians use our water resources.”

In addition to quagga and zebra mussels, inspectors are looking for New Zealand mudsnails and Eurasian water-milfoil and other aquatic plants.

Aquatic invasive species discovered on 51 boats during 2012 inspection season

In 2012, fifty-one of 4,675 watercraft inspected were contaminated with aquatic invasive species; 32 had plant material (i.e. Eurasian watermilfoil) or other non-native organisms (e.g. snails, saltwater mussels). Eighteen were contaminated with either quagga or zebra mussels. All boats were decontaminated. Additional information is available in the [2012 Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Annual Report \(pdf\)](#).

The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program is self-supporting, based on the sales of required Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits.

Information

- Learn where and how to buy an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit on [ODFW's website](#)
- The Oregon Marine Board advises: [Clean, drain and dry](#)
- Invasive species are identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy as one of the [Key Conservation Issues that Affect Species and Habitats Statewide](#).



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife technician decontaminates a boat infested with zebra mussels. ODFW photo.



Angling Clinic

April 22 to 26

April 29 & 30

Call for volunteers

Kokanee Karnival needs volunteers to help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. Contact Frank Turek (541-381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com). I will soon contact people who have volunteered previously. I need to organize volunteers to determine whether we have sufficient help for each day. Please don't wait until the last minute because that makes scheduling difficult. For new members or members who have not participated in the past, you will not be on your own. You will be teamed with a volunteer who has experience.

The Spring Angling clinic will be held for seven days, April 22 through April 26 and April 29 and 30. Fourteen classes are in the program, and two classes will attend each day. Volunteers arrive around 8:30 A.M. to set up for the day, and students arrive between 9:00 and 9:30. Students leave between 1:30 and 2:00 P.M., volunteers clean up and are done by 3:00.

Morning educational activities include:

- Fish Biology/Care of the Catch
- Knot Tying
- Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods
- Casting/Water Safety

New curriculum sheets for all activities are available.

I can email them to volunteers who request them.

Lunch is provided for all students and volunteers. After lunch, students are divided into small groups and get to fish in Shevlin Pond. The volunteers lead small groups of students to help them fish for trout. If they catch fish, they get a First Fish Certificate. Students may keep their fish. Volunteers clean the fish.

– Frank Turek



2013
**Annual Banquet
and
Fundraiser**

The
Riverhouse
HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

Saturday • April 6, 2013 • 5:30 P.M. • Riverhouse Convention Center

BEFORE March 1 - \$37 per person & automatic entry in the early bird fly-rod drawing

March 1 to 31 - \$42 per person (no dinner sales after March 31)

Questions? Contact Howard Olson (541-279-0982 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 program, habitat restoration efforts, club activities, and membership services. Join the fun, share stories, 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 fly-rod drawing. You may purchase raffle tickets in advance using the registration form (six tickets for \$5). Registration form and directions to River House Convention Center on reverse.

MENU

A no-host bar will be available. You may bring your own wine.

Garden Salad

Mixed greens, shredded carrots, cherry tomatoes & sliced rolls with butter

Entrée

Chef's selection fresh vegetable medley & starch with your choice of:

Garlic and herb marinated chicken with sundried tomato basil cream sauce

OR

Grilled top sirloin served with a wild mushroom demi

OR

Vegetarian seasonal butternut squash ravioli served with sautéed julienne vegetables and a roasted red pepper cream sauce

Dessert

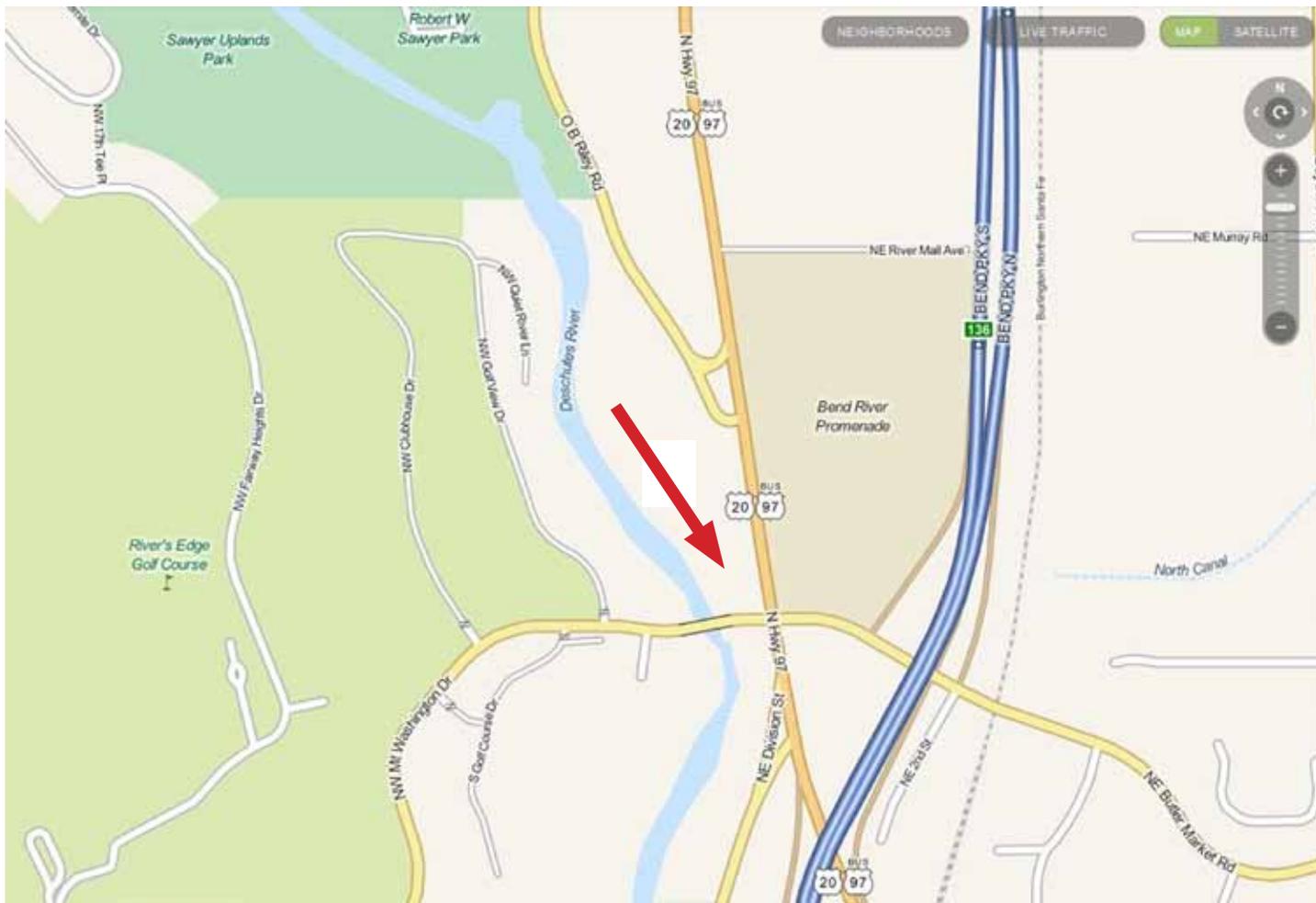
Chef's dessert



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Name _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____ Veg. Ravioli _____

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

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

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TYER'S CORNER

It's a Miracle (Midge, that is). The predominant aquatic macroinvertebrates (bugs!) present in the drift during the winter months in the Crooked River and other Central Oregon tailwater fisheries are midges. Anglers can count on midge larvae in the drift of tailwaters 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Even if you do not see midges hatching (they are really small sometimes) on the river, that does not mean that midges are not present in the drift. They are present; many times in the thousands. Likely, this time of the year, when you see the flash of a feeding fish, you can bet they are feeding on midges.

There are hundreds of subsurface midge fly patterns. The Miracle Midge has been around for a while. Ed Marsh, a Colorado angler, originated the pattern for those tough Front Range tailwater trout in Colorado. It is great pattern for imitating midge larvae. This winter, my fishing partners and I have had phenomenal success fishing midge larvae and pupa patterns. Over 95% of the fish I've caught (mostly redbands) have been caught on one fly (the Miracle Midge) and one color (peacock blue). I provide here the recipe for the standard tie, but, as you would expect, I also suggest some modifications to the materials used in the pattern to increase its durability and effectiveness. I use a size 18 pattern in both straight and curved hooks—both work equally well. I use a size 20, but have found fishing success no better than the size 18.

I fish two flies under a small indicator in slow to moderately slow water, 9 inches to 4 feet in depth. My point fly (closest to the stream bottom) is the Miracle Midge. I fish a size 18 Deep Blue Poison Tung (<http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/detail.cfm>) as a dropper to serve as a pupa pattern. Blue is a great color for winter midge imitations. In shallow water (less than 2 feet) in riffles and tailouts of pools, I usually rig my flies "inline" (see my Crooked River presentation on the COF web site). The two flies are attached using loop knots. I try to keep the loops about ½ inch in size. The weight is attached to the tippet above the point fly on a 6 to 9-inch piece of tippet material with a clinch knot. It is important to attach the weight below the point fly. Also, when flows are low (75 cfs) as they are this winter on the Crooked River, use a size 1 shot. If more weight is needed, add a size 4 shot. Do not overweight the rig. In deeper water, I attach the dropper fly on a 4 to 5-inch tag. In all cases, adjust the distance between the indicator and the weight to equal or just exceed the water depth. The distance between the two flies should be around 15 inches.

— Bill Seitz

Miracle Midge (traditional pattern)



Miracle Midge (dry)



Miracle Midge (wet)

Hook: size 18 or 20 (curved and straight shank)

Thread: size 70 denier Ultra-thread (peacock blue, gray, fluorescent pink, black, red, yellow, and light cahill)

Rib: small copper or gold wire

Overbody: single-strand white floss

1. Debarb hook and attach thread near the eye.
2. Attach a 4-inch piece of rib material. Then attach a 4-inch piece of white, single-strand floss.
3. Pull both the rib and floss along the shank and advance the thread in close, touching warps to the hook bend.
4. Advance thread back to hook eye and secure with half hitch.
5. Wrap floss to the hook eye and secure with half hitch. Be sure the floss flattens out and covers the thread when wrapping.
6. Rib the body with 4 to 5 turns of wire and secure near the eye.
7. Color about 4 inches of tying thread with a black marker and make small black head. Secure with a 4-turn whip finish knot. Put a drop of head cement on the head (not floss).

Note: Even though the fly will look white in your fly box, it will turn the color of your tying thread when wet. Peacock blue is my favorite color, but pink, red, and black work. You just have to experiment.

Substitutes: I substitute white Stretch Flex (or similar brand name) for the floss. When pulled tight over the tying thread you will see the thread color (fly doesn't have to get wet). I also substitute 2 strands of UV Krystal Flash for the floss. In both cases, coat the entire fly with head cement (I like Fusion glue) or Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails.

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Mar 4, 11, 18		Next Cast Flyfishers	The Fly Fishers Place, Sisters	Karen Kreft
Mar 7	6:30 pm	monthly board mtg.	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
Mar 7-10		Kid's Fishing Pond	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Corol Ann Cary (corolann@gmail.com)
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	6:00 pm	EDUCATION - Fly tying	Bend Senior Center	John Kreft (jckreft@gmail.com)
Mar 20	6:30 pm	general meeting	Bend Senior Center	
Mar 21-24		OUTING	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com)
Mar 30	9:00 am	OUTING/River Cleanup	Big Bend Campground	Bill Seitz (conservation@coflyfishers.org)
IN THE FUTURE				
Apr 5, 12, 26		Next Cast Flyfishers	REALMS, Bend	
Apr 6		Annual Banquet	Riverhouse Convention Cntr.	Howard Olson (banquet@coflyfishers.org)
May 11		Next Cast Flyfishers	Bend Pine Nursery	Karen Kreft (nextcast@coflyfishers.org)
Jun 18, 19, 20		Next Cast Flyfishers	Shevlin Park	Karen Kreft (nextcast@coflyfishers.org)
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