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## RANDOM CAST

On page 3 is the official statement from ODFW concerning the Deschutes fish stranding or “fish kill.” This event has been a major concern since it occurred on October 23 and 24 at the Lava Island channel. The leadership of COF, as well as other volunteer organizations, has taken an active role in trying to figure out what happened and, more importantly, how to prevent this from happening in the future. The long term solution is more water at the right time. A coalition of organizations, via the Deschutes Water Planning Initiative, is working on how much water will be available and at what time. This task is a multi-year process. For more details, see: <http://www.deschutesriver.org/resources/deschutes-water-planning-initiative/>.

The concern now is how to mitigate “fish kills” in the near future, pending a long term solution. Fish kills have occurred in the past. They do not have to occur in the future if we plan ahead. I found out that this same event happened in 1995, and two people in two days saved 2,500 fish, most of which were rainbow trout. I have collected information at three separate meetings attended by volunteer organizations and state and federal agencies. The information is most enlightening and helpful in putting together an action plan for short term solutions.

Mike Tripp has been proactive in bringing organizations together and facilitating active and positive discussions regarding things we may be able to do to prevent a major portion of these fish kills due to “stranding.” The COF Board of Directors will review options at their upcoming annual planning meeting on November 2.

– Eric Steele, President

(cell 541-420-8108 or home 541-549-2072)



Fall fishing along the Deschutes River. PHOTO: Linda Richards

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## GENERAL MEETING

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

### European Nymphing: C to Z – a primer

Bill Seitz, well-known member of COF, will give a presentation on his favorite fishing technique—European nymphing. In addition to serving as conservation chair for many years, Bill has frequently helped with fly-tying demonstrations and technique instructions, and he was one of the founders of the Next Cast Flyfishers. He has previously presented programs on fishing the Crooked River and fishing with midges.

Bill plans to cover these topics: goals of tight-line nymphing, history of European nymphing, general tips to get started, sources of information, rod and line recommendations, leaders and sighters, flies, tippet, rigging, approaching a stream, using the techniques, and a description of the four European nymphing methods (French, Czech, Polish, and Spanish).

After his presentation, Bill will rig a European nymphing outfit and answer questions. If you want to learn about effective nymphing techniques, be sure to attend this meeting.

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## OUTINGS

That's it for the outings for this year folks. Next year's schedule will be out sometime next year.

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## EDUCATION

### Techniques

Thank you Jeremiah Houle for coming to our October pre-meeting education session. Jeremiah showed us how to tie an unusual tube fly, answered questions about fishing and showed us a pair of waders designed for women.

Many local fly shops have tying classes during the winter, and Jeremiah will be teaching at Confluence Fly Shop. Visit the shop for more information.

In November Peter Bowers of the Patient Angler will visit. Peter is always informative and enthusiastic. Techniques sessions are held before the general meeting. Sessions begin at 6:00 P.M. and last about 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

Sherry Steele will teach beginner tying at our December meeting. If you haven't tied before, this is an opportunity to try it out with an extraordinary teacher.

Rod-building class with Harry Harbin is now full. The fly-tying series will start in January.

– Kathleen Schroeder ([education@coflyfishers.org](mailto:education@coflyfishers.org))

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## Winter fly-tying series

The COF winter fly-tying series is 12 weeks of intermediate/advanced fly-tying sessions that will begin on January 7 and continue every Tuesday through March 25. Learn new techniques and re-stock your fly boxes.

Send me your ideas for flies you would like to tie or the river/lake you plan to fish, and I'll find a guest tier. Each guest tier will demonstrate two patterns. You will be able to tie a few of each fly, reinforcing the technique or pattern.

We are always looking for club members willing to share their expertise. Let me know if you would like to lead a session. I'll create a list of everyone interested, so provide me with your email address and phone number. Meet at the Bend Senior Center on Tuesday nights (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM), beginning January 7, 2014.

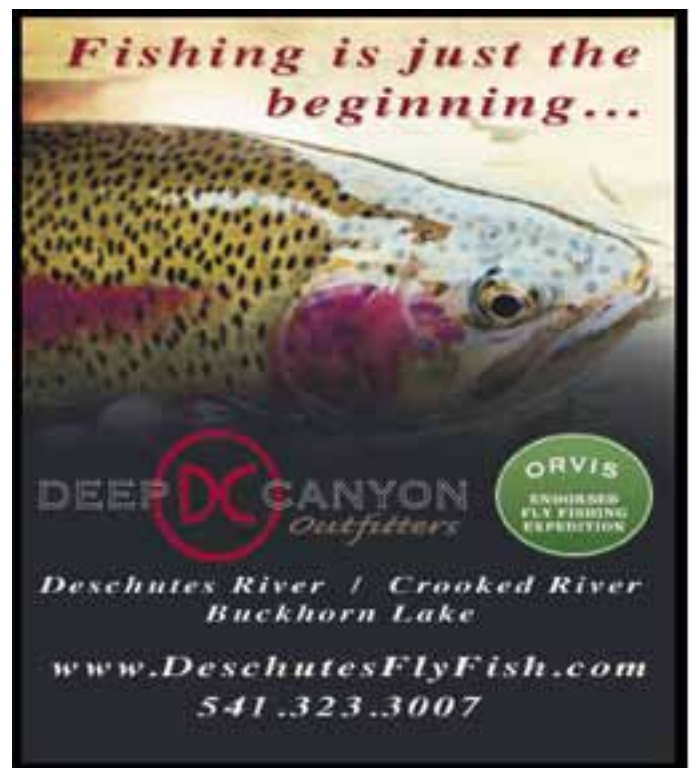
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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

Wild Women of the Water met at the Broken Top golf course pond for evening fishing. Tye Krueger of Confluence Fly Shop shared techniques for capitalizing on the evening hatch. Fun for all!

Wild Women will participate in Sportsman's Warehouse's Ladies Nite, November 8, 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Each department will have raffles and seminars. A fly rod will be given away during the evening. All women are invited. Bring your friends. See you there!





## MEMBERSHIP

To join, go to [coflyfishers.org](http://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](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org) with ROSTER as the subject.

– Gary Meyer,  
Membership Chair

### Welcome New Members

Russell & Catherine Bodine	Henry Louke
Mark Pearlstein & Linda Reutzler	Eli Vossler
Allen & Susan Caudle	Greg & Sharon Small
Tamara Brost & Kevin Hultzapfle	

## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

As the winter months approach, it is time to turn to indoor activities. We want to remind our young fly fishers that the December 18 COF club meeting will feature fly tying and a swap meet. As in past years, we will have tables of fly tiers to observe and tables for beginner tiers to tie flies. All levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please let me know if you may attend, so I can ensure equipment and materials are available. Tying will begin at 6:00 PM.

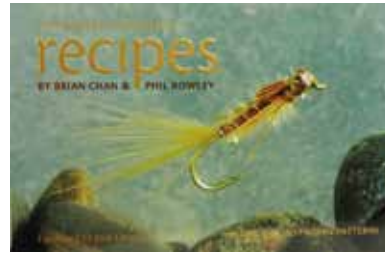
In addition, there will be tables of used equipment that will be sold by the owners at reduced prices. If you are in need of any fly fishing equipment, this may be a great resource for you.

And, last and perhaps most important, there will be cookies and other snacks to share! YES, THIS IS TRUE.

We have also heard that the rainbow trout are really biting at Shevlin Pond. If you want to get out another time before the winter snows really hit, try the pond! Be sure and take a picture and forward it to us to share!

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you plan to attend our December 18 COF meeting. Contact Karen Kreft (503-409-0148 or [NextCast@COFlyfishers.org](mailto:NextCast@COFlyfishers.org)).

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Stillwater Solutions Recipes: 30 Proven Patterns by Brian Chan and Phil Rowley

This month the library addition is a new and easy-to-use pattern book by Chan and Rowley. *Still Water Solutions - 30 Proven Patterns* is designed to be used like a cookbook—self supporting with easy to flip pages. This small book offers specific instructions for tying 30 proven patterns commonly used when fishing western lakes and streams.

– John Tackmier, Librarian  
([outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org) or 541-549-6252)

## CONSERVATION

### Drought, migrating fish may have contributed to Deschutes fish stranding

From: ODFW News, Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 1:28 PM

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish biologists in partnership with the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) investigated how a suite of unusual conditions, including drought, better than average

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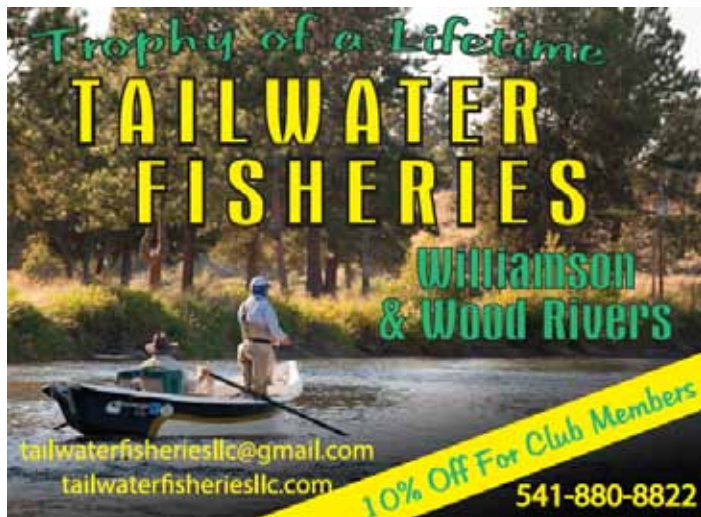
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fall flows in recent years, and fish migrating out of Wickiup Reservoir, may have contributed to the death of about 450 trout on the Deschutes River near Bend last week.

The dead fish were found in a side channel of the river near Lava Island southwest of Bend. According to ODFW fish biologist Erik Moberly, the dead fish were reported last Thursday afternoon, and on Friday morning volunteers and ODFW staff were able to rescue about 750 trout (a combination of redband rainbow and brown trout) and 500 sculpin that were still alive in a handful of water pools.

In addition to trout, about 1,220 mountain whitefish and a similar number of sculpin died when declining water levels left them stranded in the natural lava side channel, which normally has water only during higher flows. Redband rainbow trout are listed as a sensitive species by the state of Oregon. No other listed fish, including bull trout, were found.

All the dead fish were found within a ½ mile stretch of side channel.



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Water levels in the Deschutes River normally decline this time of year as releases from Wickiup Reservoir are reduced by dam operators. Every year, the ramp down rate is conducted at a rate lower than the maximum ramp down rate set by the U.S. Forest Service Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, which was developed in collaboration with ODFW, OWRD, and irrigation districts.

Consistent with that plan, this year's ramp down occurred at a slower rate than previous years. ODFW and OWRD will continue to investigate whether ramp down levels were a factor and if necessary, work with partners to make adjustments in the future. However, a slower ramp down rate is considered to be better for fish, leading water and fishery managers to look for other explanations why so many fish were stranded in the channel.

ODFW believes that two good years of water in 2011 and 2012, when the channel did not completely dry up, resulted in more fish in the side channel this year than would normally occur. In addition, there appears to be more fish in the river that emigrated from Wickiup reservoir, which was low this year due to drought conditions.



## TYER'S CORNER

I saw this fly tied at the Phil Rowley seminar last winter and was intrigued by the concept and possible uses. I fish it in lakes under an indicator, which gives the fly some action. Most of the time, I drop a nymph or midge larva/pupa off it. I add .20 lead to the pin section of the fly because it helps secure the bead into place and makes it sink faster.

For tying directions, see the YouTube video, which has a great explanation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjhsuHM8NFM>

– Mike Telford

## Balanced Leech



- Hook:** Eagle Claw 570 Jig Hook, size 6. This fly ends up about the size 8, 3xl. I have also been experimenting with the Umpqua Competition Jig Hook C400bl to make smaller sizes.
- Bead:** 7/64 or size appropriate to hook
- Pin:** flat head (A round, colored head might also be interesting.)
- Body:** chenille or goat hair in a dubbing loop similar to a seal bugger (my preference)
- Rib:** wire, color of choice
- Tail:** full marabou tail (Tied long for increased action.)
- Hackle:** webby hackle



## Thank you Kokanee Karnival Streamside volunteers

Kokanee Karnival Streamside was held September 21 through 25. Twelve classes of fourth and fifth grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attended sites at Sheep Bridge, Fall River Hatchery, and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to help from many volunteers. Many of the

students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their feelings.

There were lots of kokanee in the streams this year; students had a great time spotting fish in the shallows. At Spring Creek we saw spawning bull trout too. A total of 36 volunteers participated, and several were first time volunteers. We hope these new folks will volunteer next fall to be station leaders. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions and very attentive. Our thanks to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank the following people for volunteering to make Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 568 hours of time and 4,833 miles.

Now that Streamside is complete, the Kokanee Karnival board will start planning for the Spring Angling Clinic in April. I hope to see all of you there.

– Frank Turek

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Bruce Cockrell	Dave Dunahay	Gary Cima	Jim Adams	Rod Angell	Vern Fugate

## Central Oregon Flyfishers Upstream Events 2013

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Nov 7	6:30 pm	<b>monthly board meeting</b>	Environmental Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
Nov 20		<b>general meeting</b>	Bend Senior Center	Eric Steele (president@coflyfishers.org)
<b>IN THE FUTURE</b>				
Dec 18		Fly tying at the general meeting		
Jan 7		Fly-tying sessions begin		



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