



NEWSLETTER

“An Oregon Redneck Goes Fishing in Cuba” *with John Hyde*



Calendar

February 17: Club meeting with John Hyde: Fishing in Cuba

March 13-14: Expo in Albany

March 17: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood: Local Fishing Prospects

Early April: Club Outing to Pyramid Lake

April 21: Annual Auction

May 19: Club meeting with Phillip Rowley: Stillwater Fishing

These front-page articles about KCFC’s upcoming programs usually begin with a biographical introduction of the speaker. We are fortunate to have John Hyde as our February speaker, and even more fortunate that we all know him well enough that he doesn’t need to be introduced!

Last spring, KCFC’s globe-trotting angler cruised the waters off Cuba in search of exotic fishing. John reports catching seven species of fish including tarpon, bonefish, jacks and snapper. (The permit eluded him!) Although the fishing was fantastic, John also spent two nights in Havana, experiencing Cuban food and culture.

John will have slides to show and stories to tell. He may even be persuaded to share a little about his swamp fishing adventures in Louisiana!



Be sure to be at Elmer’s on Tuesday, February 17th to hear John’s stories. Come around 6:00 for dinner; the program will begin at 7:00. See you there!



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THE KCFC MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Klamath Country Fly Casters, out of a vital interest in the sport of fly fishing, do hereby join to promote fly fishing as a method of angling, to encourage youth to learn this method of angling, and to promote and participate in meetings to educate all persons in the many aspects of fly fishing as a sport. We agree to make every effort to protect and improve fishing resources in our area by encouraging the practice of catch and release fishing of wild, native fish and by supporting fly fishing organizations in other areas in the overall quest for improvement and perpetuity of fishing resources.

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer's Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest KCFC members! Make sure to look for **Leonard Harrington** and **Dennis Birenbaum** at the next meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome them into our fly fishing family!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

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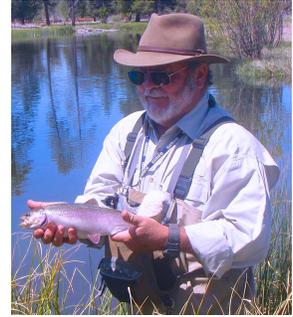
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

We kicked off this year quite well with a couple of key community outreach activities, Eggs-to-Fry and P.L.A.Y. Outdoors. I want to extend a "job well done" to Patrick Stroup, your Education Committee Chairman, and his small army of volunteers who had a personal and positive impact on so many young people in our community (Over 1,800 at P.L.A.Y. Outdoors alone). I wish to thank all the members who stepped up and made this kick-off of the new year so tremendous.



The NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, organized and presented by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, is just around the corner. Scheduled for March 13 and 14, in Albany, Oregon, the Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi." At the Expo you will be part of a crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers who are building their knowledge and seeing old friends. Please visit the web site at <http://nwexpo.com> for all the details. Seminar listings have been posted on the web site and you can register to attend now before they are sold out.

But even more important is the need for volunteers to go to the Expo as Club representatives at the Knot Tying Table for the days of March 13 and 14. We have had a number of members volunteer the last two years, and I am always amazed at just how much fun everyone has at this event. It is a great way to spend a few days. As I have said before, there is no need to be a knot tying expert; it is just a bunch of fly anglers getting together and sharing knots and BS around a table. It is a hoot and very relaxed and with great times in the evening as well.

As to new stuff, we have a good number of Club outings lined up for this year, more than double the number from last year. Hopefully, we will see some signup sheets available for these fishing trips at the February meeting. These are simply to gather names of interested members, not a commitment. This will enable the Stream Keepers to disseminate information out to those who have expressed an interest in possibly going.

The first Club fishing trip is to Pyramid lake (Stream Keeper: Bob Gregory) April 1st thru 6th, with a possibility of another outing in April to Shoalwater Bay, Klamath Lake, with Mark Kelly as the Stream Keeper.

We will also be needing volunteers for conservation work again this year - similar in nature to what we have done in the past to restore habitat. The project on the books for now is the May 23rd work party at the Wiest Ranch on the Lower Williamson in Chiloquin. Greg Bulkley, our Conservation Chair and Past president, is the primary contact and organizer of this activity.

There are lots of opportunities to socialize and fish with your fellow Club members - so take advantage of the Club outings, and also the other events that can prove to be both fun and beneficial to habitat and the community.

And do not forget to purchase raffle tickets for the awesome pontoon boat! See the article elsewhere in this newsletter. We need to get this thing in someone's hands by May - **so buy those tickets!!!**

Until we see each other at the February meeting - Tight Lines!



EDUCATION REPORT, submitted by Patrick Stroup, Chair

With two club education events within ten days of each other, I would first like to express sincere appreciation for the amazing volunteer participation in the PLAY Outdoors and Eggs to Fry delivery to local schools.

PLAY Outdoors – “Promoting Lifelong Activities for Youth”



This event featuring multiple vendors and outdoor groups was held on Saturday January 17th at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Approximately 1,800 children and 1200 adults were in attendance through the course of the day. This was a significant increase in attendance from last year. Our Club provided the opportunity for kids, young and old, to try their hand at tying a Wooly Worm at the fly-tying tables, as well as casting a fly rod in the lower arena area. The little kids got to practice on a small practice rod equipped with yarn. Glad there were no hooks!



Our Club provided 22 volunteers who logged approximately 126 hours of their time! A great round of applause I give to each of you (too numerous to name in this short article) for your enthusiasm and support of the Club’s mission of promoting fly fishing as a method of angling to young and old alike!



Eggs To Fry in the Classroom



On January 26th, Club volunteers met at Elmer’s Restaurant to take delivery of trout eggs to deliver to fifteen classrooms in eleven different schools in Chiloquin, Klamath Falls and Tulelake. Again, this is an increase from last year. A special thanks to our Club President, Dale Zemke, who rose very early that morning and made the trip to the hatchery in Chiloquin and met up with Marshal Moser so that he could deliver in Chiloquin.

Our volunteers reported back that they observed well-prepared teachers and enthusiastic students ready to nurture the eggs in special aquariums until they are ready for release the fry into designated areas in the Spring. The eggs were delivered to the classroom none too soon as reports came in that some eggs were hatching into fry the very next day!

Marshal Moser reports that the Chiloquin elementary kid’s enthusiasm “went off the chart,” while the “sophisticated” high school students showed more reserve! Beth Zemke at Pelican School (Dale’s wife), being new to the project, reports that Greg Williams was “a real, true gentleman” who gave a great presentation.

Thanks go to Club members Greg& Karen Williams, Jim Ricks, Marshal Moser, Bob Kingzett and Akimi King of ODFW for delivering the trout eggs and providing classroom presentations. Other volunteers did sign up but were not available at the “moment’s notice” on that Monday. Thanks for being willing to help.



PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

This year's KCFC Progressive Raffle features as the prize a Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat, valued at \$1,750.00. The prize package includes boat, seat, oars, cargo storage, anchor system, double action air pump, and carrying bag.



The Renegade brought heat welded bladderless Unitrac pontoon technology to the pontoon boat world. It provides simplicity without sacrificing performance. It has bagged a first descent in Alaska and conquered a number of class IV and class V white water rivers. It has quickly become the boat of choice for northwest steelheaders and fly-in wilderness destination junkies. It has tamed the four-foot whitecaps of every major western impoundment on the map. By virtue of its technologically advanced yet simplistic design, it is the boat that is always there for you. Its in the back seat of your truck, the trunk of your car, in the tail of a de Havilland Beaver and has found its way into the baggage compartment of every major airline on the planet. When your destination is reached, it inflates in less than one minute with an LVM pump and less than three minutes with a hand pump. You throw it in the water, sit down on the F16 seat, hit the oars and get lost. There is no assembly - no frame, no springer clips, no cam straps, no nuts and bolts - most of all, no hassles. The Outlaw Renegade is a full size, full capacity, front entry pontoon boat with a huge 800 pound capacity, class V whitewater rating and exclusive bladderless technology pontoons that fits into an airline specific travel bag that is the size of a standard suitcase. It has quickly become the go-to boat for hard-core professional anglers around the world. People who demand the best. People like you. The Outlaw Renegade can be your next boat!

Raffle tickets sell for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00!

We are selling 300 tickets and when they are sold, we will draw the name of the lucky winner. They can be bought by anyone, so give some as gifts or get your friends, relatives or fishing buddies to purchase tickets.

TIPS AND TRICKS, by John Hyde

I try not to carry a lot of tools on my vest. I have a hemostat with scissors, a nail knot tool, and one thing I have found very useful is a small telescoping magnet. I put it in the front of my vest so the magnet is sticking up. It is a great place to put a fly while rigging up, or holding one fly while tying on a dropper. Also, if you drop a fly, spill a fly box, or drop some thing in the water you can usually find it with help from the magnet. A magnet strapped to a pontoon boat or drift boat is also very handy. Most automotive stores have a variety of magnets that are inexpensive and are very handy to have. Give it a try.



NORTHWEST FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO

The 2015 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo will be held March 13 and 14 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. This is one of the nation's largest fly-fishing events. Celebrating its 27th year, the Expo features vendors, classes, and demonstrations. The cornerstone of the Expo is the amazing collection of more than 200 demonstration fly tiers dressing everything from the tiniest trout flies to the showiest steelhead and Atlantic salmon patterns. Check out the Expo website at www.nwexpo.com for more details.

The Expo also serves as a fundraiser for the Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers. Proceeds are used for fisheries scholarships, conservation grants and grants to member clubs. Classes are posted to the website (www.nwexpo.com) and are available for your registration. In addition, banquet tickets and merchandise can be purchased on the website. For even more information, you may contact John Kreft, the 2015 Expo Chair, at jckreft@gmail.com.

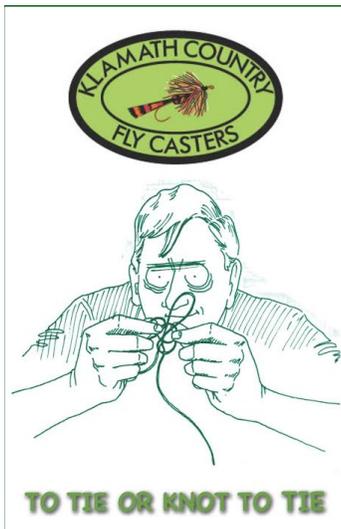
Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
www.nwexpo.com
March 13 - 14, 2015
 Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon

Classes
 Vendor Booths
 Tying Demonstrations
 Casting Demonstrations
 Auctions & Raffles daily
 Benefit Banquet & Auction

Hours: 9am - 5pm daily

IFF members, Veterans and youth under 18 - FREE
 Non IFF members \$10.00

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KCFC staffs the ‘Knot Tying Table’ at the Expo. We need volunteers who would like to attend the Expo and spend some time helping at our table. As a volunteer, you get free admission to the Expo for both days. We would ask that volunteers do one shift per day, based on the number of volunteers. That should leave ample free time to enjoy the Expo. This has proven to be a great way to give exposure and status to our Club to other clubs and FFF members.

The event is very relaxed and does not require you to be a knot expert. Usually, with a gathering of fly anglers, there is knowledge of the basic knots, and we get an opportunity to learn from each other as well as from people who stop by the table. In a nutshell, the thing ends up being just a bunch of fishermen, hosts, and visitors, getting together to share knot skills in a very low key environment.

The basic knots we will be covering are the Arbor, Nail, Perfection Loop, Surgeons Loop, Kreh Loop, Duncan Loop, Surgeons Knot, Blood Knot (both versions), and Improved Clinch Knot. Materials and knot diagrams are prepared and will be available along with supplies - you just need to bring you. If any of the volunteers has a favorite knot they would like to share and feature, that is great but not essential.

The more volunteers we have the more free time everyone will have. Please contact Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com if you can help out. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February Club meeting also. Please mark your calendars now! Sign up as a volunteer and join us for a fun weekend!

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING



The first KCFC outing of the year will be to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, April 1 through 6, and will be led by Stream Keeper, Bob Gregory. If you would like an opportunity to land a “large” trout, then this is the place to go. Lahontan Cutthroat trout, ranging in size from 10 to 20 pounds (and on up) are available at Pyramid Lake to the lucky angler. And yes, this is the lake where you fish standing on a step ladder!

Bob sets up camp right on the lake shore at Separator Beach, but there are plenty of other campgrounds and motels nearby. He has all the particulars on the area, fishing regulations, and the special equipment needed, but further in-depth information can be found at www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February Club meeting for those who might have interest in going to Pyramid Lake during the first week of April. Signing up is not a commitment, but simply a starting point in getting information to the interested parties. So, talk to Bob, visit that great website, and come to the February meeting prepared to sign-up for the first Club outing of the year.

You may contact Bob at 541 884-0092 or email Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com, and he will make sure your name gets to Bob.

THE AUCTION IS COMING!!

This year’s KCFC Fundraising Auction will be held during the April 21st meeting. The Auction Committee hopes that this year’s auction will be even bigger and better than last year’s!

Remember, that KCFC now has 501(c)3 status. That means that the value of any item you might donate to the auction can be written off on your taxes. Think about it! If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Lois Krueger, Auction Chair, at 541 539-1555 or lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com.



IFFF 2015 FLY FISHING FAIR

The International Fly Fishing Fair is a celebration serving fly fishers around the world.

Because the IFFF originated in Oregon, and because 2015 is the 50th anniversary of its founding, this year’s fair is being held in Bend, Oregon.

The event offers educational opportunities for all who attend. Attendees can participate in fee-based workshops, free programs and demonstrations as well as see the latest gear that vendors have to offer. Workshops begin on August 11 and the Exhibit Hall will be open August 13-15 at Riverhouse Convention Center.

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

WOUNDED SCULPIN

The Wounded Sculpin was developed for rivers and streams in the Pacific Northwest. Sculpin minnows are a common food source for trout in fast moving western rivers. The wounded Sculpin is a cone head fly that is tied to imitate a small minnow that has being scared off the bank. It is a simple pattern that can be used on lakes and rivers. The cone head gives the fly weight and provides a streamlined shape that is easy to cast and sinks faster than the fastest sinking fly line. This provides a distinct advantage when fishing deep cuts or holes in a river.



RECIPE:

- Hook: TMC 5263 #10 - #14
- Cone: Tungsten XS Black Nickel Cone
- Thread: Gray or Tan Uni-Thread
- Wing: Natural Micro Pine Squirrel Zonker Strip
- Body: Orange Ice Dub
- Flash: One strand of Red Holographic Flashabou on each side of body
- Throat: Natural Micro Pine Squirrel

INSTRUCTIONS:

Start by placing the 3X long streamer hook with a cone head and lead wire in the vise. Wrap about 10 turns of lead-free solder and force into the bead. Start your thread behind the lead wire tapering your thread so the cone head doesn't move on the hook. Now use crossing wraps over the lead wire and finish off by building up thread behind the lead so it can't slide back on the hook just above the barb.





Tie in a strip of natural Micro Pine Squirrel fur to the rear of the hook just above the barb. Make sure that the front of the strip extends close to the eye of the hook

Using orange ice dubbing, dub a thick shaggy body from the bend of the hook to the front of the lead wraps. The body should be very full and slightly tapered.



Tie in a piece of Red Holographic Flashabou on each side of the hook and bind it. Clip the long end of the Holographic Flash material just beyond the end of the hook.



Tie in the pine squirrel strip at the front of the body. Catch just the very tip of the hide at the front with the thread to keep from building up too much bulk. Be sure the rabbit strip is firmly anchored.

Place some Micro Pine Squirrel dubbing in the loop so it is centered on the thread. Simply twist the dubbing onto the tying thread in the conventional manner. Wrap the dubbing loop forward from the front of the back of the cone head.





Smooth the dubbing and whip finish at the fly.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



SIDE VIEW



Happy Valentine's Day!





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