



NEWSLETTER

The KCFC Holiday Party!



Calendar

December 16: Club Christmas Party

January 17: P.L.A.Y. Outdoors

January 20: Club meeting with KCFC fly tiers

February 17: Club meeting with Heather Hendrixson

March 13-14: Expo in Albany

March 17: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood

The annual KCFC Christmas Party will be December 16th at Elmer's, where our monthly meetings are held. The fun begins at 6:00 with Elmer's great carved prime rib au jus, all the side dishes and dessert. Soda and iced tea will also be provided. The cost will be \$17.00 per person, gratuity included, to be paid as you arrive.

As is our Club tradition, we will have a gift exchange that evening. The same rules apply: if you are a man, please bring gift for a man. And ladies, please bring gift for another lady! We suggest a limit of \$10.00 for these gifts.

We will also be taking donations, either cash or gently used fly fishing equipment, for Project Healing Waters, the organization that helps wounded veterans through fly fishing therapy. Please consider sharing some Christmas spirit with our vets!

Our entertainment this year will be provided by Glenn Justus, Joanna's husband. Glenn plays harp, guitar and lute. His talent led him to be chosen as a "Rising Star" at last year's Britt Festival!

This looks like a great evening of Yuletide cheer, and there is bound to be a good turnout. We need to let Elmer's know how many dinners to prepare, so please RSVP as soon as possible! **We need a confirmed RSVP count by December 9th!** You may call Lois at 541-539-1555, email lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com, or email kcfnews@gmail.com. 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

I know the holiday season is a busy time, but you might consider asking a friend to come with you to the December party or our fly-tying program in January.

It would be a great way to introduce someone new to our Club!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

Mentoring: Dave Biddison

Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks
 Programs: Bob Kingzett
 Social Events/Annual Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

I found the following poem last year and I thought it was appropriate as an "All Purpose" holiday message to remind everyone what this magical time of year is all about. I have not found one that is more appropriate nor expresses the season spirit better, so I am sending it to you all again.



It's Christmas Time Again

by Bob Lazzar-Atwood

Put your problems on probation
 Run your troubles off the track,
 Throw your worries out the window
 Get the monkeys off your back.
 Silence all your inner critics
 With your conscience make amends,
 And allow yourself some happiness
 It's Christmas time again!

Call a truce with those who bother you
 Let all the fighting cease,
 Give your differences a breather
 And declare a time of peace,
 Don't let angry feelings taint
 The precious time you have to spend,
 And allow yourself some happiness
 It's Christmas time again!

Like some cool refreshing water
 Or a gentle summer breeze,
 Like a fresh bouquet of flowers
 Or the smell of autumn leaves,
 It's a banquet for the spirit
 Filled with family, food and friends,
 So allow yourself some happiness
 It's Christmas time again!

A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful people who have been with us this past year. All the the efforts and camaraderie of the membership is greatly appreciated by myself and all of the Board members. You all make things happen in so many different ways. May the coming year be one in which each and every one of you finds joy, contentment, good health, and all things that make life so grand. Until next we meet, Tight Lines!



IN MEMORIAM

Longtime KCFC member Ted Siemens passed away on November 25th. He was a friend to many of us and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his brother Dick, sister-in-law Louise, and the entire Siemens family.



P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS

P.L.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors is just around the corner. On Saturday, January 17, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, a team of volunteers from our Club will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting at the Event Center in the Klamath County Fairgrounds. We have done this for the past three years, and it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding event for members and children alike. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for this upcoming event, look for the sign up sheet coming around at the upcoming meeting. You may also contact Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com or 541-591-1421 and he will be more than happy to add you to the list of volunteers as either a fly tying or fly casting instructor. Remember, the fly we tie is a very simple Wooly Worm, so you do not need to be an expert. "Ugly" flies are quite acceptable in a child's eye! Go for a fun day and help a kid get interested in fly fishing.

EGGS TO FRY

Sometime in January, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. This is a program that exists under a variety of names throughout the country, often called Trout in the Classroom. Here in Oregon it is "Eggs to Fry." The children learn how trout grow from eggs to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. Last year KCFC delivered eggs to 13 classrooms in 9 schools. Jennifer Luke, a STEP Biologist with ODFW, High Desert Region, will be driving down from Bend and meeting Dale Zemke in Chemult to transfer eggs for transport to Klamath Falls. We plan to meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date, for breakfast at Elmer's, at which time we will divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a particular classroom may need. The feedback from the volunteers after delivery last year was delightful to read - it was a great experience for all involved. We can always use more assistance in activities like this, especially if there are conflicts that keep some volunteers from participating due to the nature of the last minute notice of the date. If you would like to help out on this, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Education Chairman, Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com or 541-591-1421.



TAX DEDUCTIONS!

If you needs an additional tax deduction, you can make a donation to the Klamath Country Fly Casters by December 31st and it will be a valid charitable deduction for the tax year 2014. The donations can be in the form of cash or as items that we can use for raffles or for the upcoming Club auction in April.

Send any cash donations by check to KCFC P.O.Box 324, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, and we will send you a receipt. Contact Dale at 714-349-5129 or email dale_zemke@yahoo.com, or any of the other Board members, for any non-cash donations. Be prepared to provide the fair market value of the item being donated so that we can properly provide a receipt that will support your deduction.



We worked hard to get the 501(c)3 tax status that will allow donations to be written off on a tax return, let's use that to both of our advantages!



OIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The most recent recipient of a KCFC scholarship is Zana Mays, who is pursuing environmental studies at OIT. Zana sent a thank you note to the Club which reads, in part:

“I want to learn as much as I can about the environment and what we as a town, country or world can do to save it. I also want to learn how I can help people understand that the environment is deteriorating and that it is worth saving. That is my life goal. I would love to have a career in restoration which goes right along with my goal.

This is the first scholarship I have ever received. When I was in high school I was truly an awful student. I didn't even think it would be possible to get into a university, much less ever get a scholarship. When I got to Oregon Tech, I knew that education was important to my future to get myself in gear and be the best possible student that I could be. Earning this scholarship from the Klamath County Flycasters [sic] has honestly shown me that I am succeeding in becoming a better student as well as a better person. Thank you very much.”

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

This year's KCFC Progressive Raffle features as the prize a Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat – MSRP \$1,699.99.

The Scadden 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 has 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.



By virtue of its technologically advanced yet simplistic design, it is the boat that is always there for you. It's 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.

When your destination is reached, the boat 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 start fishing. There is no assembly! There is no frame, no springer clips, no cam straps, no nuts and bolts, and most of all, 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. It fits into an airline-specific travel bag that is the size of a standard suitcase.

This boat has quickly become the go-to boat for 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!

The Club is selling only 300 tickets and when they are sold, we will draw the name of the lucky winner. Tickets may be purchased by anyone, so give some as stocking stuffers or get your friends, relatives and fishing buddies to purchase chances to win this fabulous boat!

TIPS AND TRICKS from John Hyde

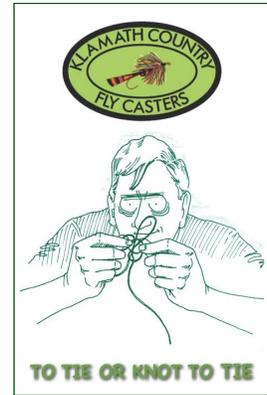
For those of you who are going to brave the weather and chase the elusive steelhead or salmon this winter in the rain and snow, put some Rain-X on your polarized glasses. It really helps keep the water off your lenses. It works great any time you are fishing or boating in the rain.



John Hyde

NORTHWEST FLY TYING AND FLY FISHING EXPO

KCFC staffs the ‘Knot Tying Table’ at the Oregon Council of the IFFF’s Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany Oregon. The Expo will be held March 13 - 14, 2015. We need volunteers who would like to attend the Expo and spend some time helping at our knot tying 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, and 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 Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com if you can help out. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January and February Club meetings also. Please mark your calendars now! Sign up as a volunteer and join us for a fun weekend!

REMEMBER TO RSVP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Call or email by December 9th!

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email lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com ,
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See you there!



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY FILM SERIES

The Native Fish Society invites you to join them at two special viewings of “DamNation” and “Wild Reverence,” and a presentation about the Wild and Scenic Rivers in the Klamath Basin.



“DamNation” is the story from across America that explores the sea of change in our national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders to the growing awareness that our own future is bound to the life and health of our rivers. Dam removal has moved beyond the fictional Monkey Wrench Gang and has become a mainstream idea. Where obsolete dams come down, rivers bound back to life, giving salmon and other wild fish the right of return to spawning grounds after decades without access. DamNation's majestic cinematography and unexpected discoveries move through rivers and landscapes altered by dams, but also through a metamorphosis in values, from conquest of the natural world to knowing ourselves as part of nature.

In "Wild Reverence," Director Shane Anderson makes a pilgrimage to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state to the rivers he once fished as a boy. His relationship with the wild steelhead and the rivers in which they met taught him just how precious life can be. What was once a childhood fishing trip has evolved into a journey to find answers why his favorite fish is disappearing from the rivers and appearing on the Endangered Species list. How could this wild and beautiful creature slip toward the abyss of extinction? "Wild Reverence" embarks on a quest to begin a movement to enact real change not only for the steelhead but for all ecosystems.

Schedule of viewings:

- December 5, 2014: DamNation, a documentary that explores all sides of the national issue of dam removal.
- January 2, 2015: Wild Reverence, a documentary about one man's journey of healing and fishing his home waters.
- February 6, 2015: Wild and Scenic Klamath, a presentation by local River Stewards sharing information about Wild and Scenic rivers in our Basin including the Sycan and Sprague.

All events will take place at 205 Riverside Dr. in Klamath Falls.

Doors open at 5:30pm and the events will start at 6:30pm.

Each event will have FREE beer, refreshments, and a silent auction.

The Native Fish Society encourages a \$10 donation at the door for film events (information about Basin Wild and Scenic Rivers will not have a suggested donation).

All proceeds go to the Native Fish Society, to help advocate for native fish throughout the Pacific Northwest.

FUTURE CONSERVATION PROJECT

Greg Bulkley announces that the date for the planting project on the Wiest Ranch will be May 23, 2015. This coincides with the opening day for fishing on the Lower Williamson. It will be a fun way to help restore our Klamath Basin watershed, share a meal with KCFC friends, and fish the first day of the season! Mark your calendars now!



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