

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

May 2023 Edition

As I sit and write my May presidents message to you all, I'm enjoying a lovely two weeks in England. Crazy that I had to leave the country for warmer weather, but here I am.

Thank you Rick Hafele for a wonderful presentation last month, it was great to see you again and we all enjoyed having you.

We have a new fly tier in our Tuesday Tying group. welcome Larry, you'll be a pro in no time!

Don't forget to get your Nominations for Officers and Board members in by May 2nd for club elections. Contact Peter Calvo your new up coming KCFC President with your nominations.

See you all in May when I return.

Lois Krueger
KCFC President



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Klamath Country Fly Casters

Officers and Committees

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Board Member: Bob Kingzett, bobk@wendtff.org

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ABOUT THE KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

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.

The members of the board of Klamath Country Fly Casters put forth this statement:

“We invite people to become board members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters who wish to promote a healthy and harmonious sense of collegial spirit within the environmental milieu of our board. We on the board, choose to care for the well-being of board members, Club members, and for our fly-fishing community. We ask those who want to be board members to practice positive intervention, to work harmoniously with other board members, and to be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community.”

Club Meetings:

Klamath Country Fly Casters meetings are currently being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September Thru May at 6:00 PM, in the Banquet Room of the Waffle Hut at 106 Main Street Klamath Falls, OR

Membership dues are \$35.00 per family per year. The membership year is October thru September.

Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
May 9, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting And Election of new Club Officers and Board of Directors	Bill Tinniswood - Where to fish and where to not bother	Waffle Hut Restaurant
June ??, 2023	Annual Casting Clinic	To Be Determined	Moore Park



May's Meeting Program

Fisheries of Klamath and Lake Counties with Bill Tinniswood

Get ready for KCFC's most well attended program of the year! On May 9th, we will be treated again to Bill Tinniswood's much missed talk on the fishing opportunities in Klamath and Lake Counties at our meeting location at the Waffle Hut, 106 Main Street.

As a fish biologist with ODF&W, Bill has the inside scoop on which streams and lakes are set to fish well this year, and which might not be so good.



Bill always welcomes your questions, and is very gracious about answering them. Be sure to bring your notepad and pen/pencil for taking notes; he will flood you with valuable information.

Club Officers & Board Members **Election Reminder**

Our club bylaws call for the election of officers at the May meeting in odd numbered years. That means elections are right around the corner! Because the bylaws state that the Vice President will become President, we have that office filled; Peter Calvo will be your next President. Aside from that, however, all other offices and Board positions are open!

KCFC is a great group, and being a club leader is fun and rewarding. I encourage any of you, who have been longing for a chance to step up, to contact our nominating Chairman, Peter Calvo at his email: nogndr@petercalvo.com. Nominations close at the end of the day on Tuesday, May 2nd. We do not take nominations from the floor at the time of elections. Think about nominating yourself. (If you wish to nominate a friend, please be sure to check with them first!). I am positive we will have a great slate of officers and Board members to carry us forward!

John Krueger's Weekly Fly Tying Gatherings:

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Please call John at 541-539-1505 if you're planning to attend. Class is usually 8-10 people. Equipment provided if needed....donations for materials are always welcome.



KCFC Membership Application

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1st each year. As of November 1st, the membership fees were considered Past Due!

In an era of ever-rising prices, our Club dues are still \$35.00 per family! And, that includes two adult voting members!

Please print and fill out this form and mail it to:

Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By Ralph Carestia

Improved X-Caddis



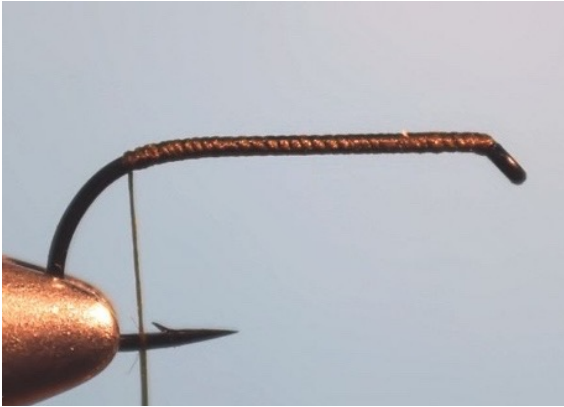
Caddisflies tend to emerge very quickly; trout don't want to expend too much energy chasing them. Instead, the fish focus on those emergers that are crippled or are struggling to escape the nymphal shuck. The X-Caddis, developed by West Yellowstone fly shop-owner Craig Mathews, imitates just such an insect, with a trailing shuck of Zelon and a splayed wing of deer hair. The CDC underwing on the Improved X-Caddis provided more movement and better flotation than the elk hair on the original. I believe this pattern imitates a stuck in the shuck caddis, trapped partially in the nymphal shuck. Because there's no hackle, the X-Caddis sits very low in the water, as if the bug is trapped in the surface film. The X Caddis can be tied in many colors with the Olive, Tan and Black variations being the most popular.

Materials:

Hook: TMC 100 #14 - # 18
Thread: 8/0 Olive
Shuck: Grey Zelon
Body: Grey/Olive Superfine Dubbing
Under Wing: Natural Dun Cul de Canard (CDC)
Over Wing: Natural Elk Hair

Improved X-Caddis

Instructions:



STEP 1

Start the tying thread about an eye length back from the hook eye and build a smooth thread base back to the bend. Return the thread to the starting point.



STEP 2

Tie in a small clump (about half a strand for a #16 hook) of Grey Zelon for the shuck just behind the eye of the hook. Wrap back over the Zelon to the bend of the hook.



STEP 3

Dub the body from the bend of the hook up to just behind the eye with a slight taper.



Improved X-Caddis



STEP 4

Select two matched CDC feathers and even their tips. Clump the two CDC feathers together into a bunch and measure the clump against the hook so it is equal to one shank length long. Tie the CDC feathers in at the front edge of the abdomen. Clip the butt ends from the CDC and build a smooth thread base over the stubs.



STEP 5

Cut, clean and stack a small clump of elk hair. Measure the hair against the hook shank so it matches the length of the hook. Cut the clump of elk hair to the length of the hook and hold it in place with the butt ends of the hair just behind the eye of the hook. Place two loose turns of thread over the hair just behind the hook eye. Pull the thread TOWARD YOU to tighten it while holding the long tip ends of the hair in place on top of the hook.



STEP 6

Wrap the thread forward with two turns through the butt ends of the hair right up to the hook eye. The thread goes through the butt ends of the hair binding them down along the way, securing them tightly in place.

Improved X-Caddis



STEP 7

Clip the thread and then trim the Zelon shuck to about a shank length long.



Top View



Bottom View

