



NEWSLETTER

“Stillwater Strategies and Tactics”

with Phil Rowley



On Tuesday, May 19th, KCFC will be happy to present Phil Rowley as our featured speaker. Phil has been fly fishing for over 30 years. His love of fly fishing has taken him across North America pursuing trout, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, char, pike, walleye and numerous other species on the fly. But Phil is probably best known for his stillwater exploits.

A former commercial fly tier, Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. He has authored three books and numerous feature articles and two regular columns. Phil’s first book Fly Patterns for Stillwaters is a best seller. In 2014, Phil was the proud recipient of a Life Time Achievement Award from Fly Tyeer magazine. In addition to his writing, Phil has five instructional DVD’s. In 2007, Phil was a member of the gold medal winning team at the Canadian Fly Fishing championships.

When he isn’t on the water, Phil travels North America performing at outdoor shows, providing seminars, speaking to fly clubs and conducting fly-fishing schools. Phil also provides instructional stillwater guiding on the lakes located a short distance from his Edmonton area home.

You may learn more about Phil on-line at www.flycraftangling.com or www.stillwaterflyfishingstore.com and through his social media channels, You Tube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, but make it a point to come meet him in person at KCFC’s May meeting!

See you there!

Calendar

May 15: Club outing to Diamond Lake (Doug Barnes)

May 19: Club meeting with Phillip Rowley: Stillwater Fishing; Club Elections

May 23: Wiest Ranch Work Party and BBQ

May 30: Link River Festival

June 6: Casting Tune-Up at Moore Park

June 11: Free showing of the Frank Moore film “Mending the Line”

June 15: R.A.P. Camp

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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

When you come to the May meeting, look around the room and seek out our many new members. Introduce yourself, and welcome them to KCFC!



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

This is probably not my last President's report as I believe we will have a June and possibly a July (or Summer) edition of the Newsletter. However it is the last one before my last presiding at a Club meeting. One that should be a special treat as our guest speaker is, as many of you know, a renowned speaker and expert on Stillwater fishing, Philip Rowling. It should be an excellent program and I am hoping you can all make the meeting. Additionally, it is a meeting with a bi-annual twist. We will be voting on the new Officers and Board Members for the upcoming 2015 - 2017 terms of office. Which means, to quote a former President of the U.S., "you will not have me to kick around anymore". The reality is that it has been a hoot to do the job of Club President for the last couple of years, but I am looking forward to being in the back of the room making snide remarks instead of dancing at the front of the room.



The last two years have seen a few things happen, all of which I am extremely pleased about. First and foremost, the Club has grown from 63 households to 78, a net increase of 24%. This will help ensure the continued health and functioning of the Club. Hopefully we will continue to gather in new blood and the new ideas that come with that.

Secondly, we have gone from 1 Club outing in 2013 to 5 in 2014 to 7 confirmed trips and a possible 3 more for a potential of 10 Club outings in 2015. I think that we should be able to sustain a calendar of this type going into the future, to the enjoyment of those members that avail themselves of some terrific fishing trips.

We did, with the expert direction of Thomas Whittemore and Tim Lancaster, conduct a rod building class that generated enough enthusiasm that it may well be done again this next winter.

John Krueger stepped up and put together a very successful Fly Tying Round Table that meets monthly and has proven to be well attended, by beginners to experts alike, to share and learn from each other - as well as some great social time thrown in.

We rolled back into the Eggs To Fry program with a vengeance - revitalizing our Club's involvement, delivering trout eggs to 15 classrooms in 2015, where the children hatched them and learned about the life cycle of trout, and released the fry into local waters.

Not to mention, our involvement, thanks to the leadership of Greg Bulkley, in more conservation projects than I can enumerate, both with Club funds and in particular, people power, at work parties to help restore stream banks. Which, by the way, we have another scheduled for May 23rd that you can sign up for at the May meeting. It will be on the Lower Williamson at the Wiest Ranch and will include a BBQ and an opportunity to fish. Come on out and have some fun with your fellow Club members.

We have a Club web site that is a good source of information re: Club events and activities as well as some links to other web sites of interest to those in our sport and a Club membership directory that helps us communicate with each other.

A somewhat failed Recipe column in the Newsletter, and the establishment of a Tips and Tricks column from John Hyde, which has been a welcome addition to the Newsletter.

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Thanks to Peg Edwards, Carol Ann Meadows and Lois Krueger for an ever evolving monthly raffle, and annual Auction. This year set a new high at the Auction with proceeds of \$5,088.00, thanks to John Hyde's adding a couple of new wrinkles to the event.

And last, but not least, the attainment of a 501(c)3 tax exempt status that has already brought us cash donations that would not have materialized before. It also brought us fishing trips for the Auction that would not have materialized if we had not had the tax exempt status to allow the donors to write off the expense. This is simply the first step in moving toward a healthier Conservation Fund, that could potentially evolve into an Endowment Fund that will ensure the future conservation and education efforts of the Club.

So I am sure I am overlooking something, and I am sure that I probably overlooked someone, however, I want to thank all of you for your support and patience over the last couple of years. And I anticipate that you will continue to be the driving force behind a strong Club that makes a difference in the community and our sport.

As always: "Tight Lines"

Dale

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE — THIS COULD BE YOUR BOAT!!!

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 provides simplicity without sacrificing performance. By virtue of its technologically advanced yet simplistic design, it is the boat that is always there for you. It can fit in the back seat of your truck, the trunk of your car, 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 fishing! 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.

CONSERVATION REPORT, submitted by Greg Bulkley

The Lower Williamson Project on Wiest Ranch

Date: May 23, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Wiest Ranch, 31676 Modoc Point Road, Chiloquin

The construction work has been completed on the Wiest Ranch on the Lower Williamson, a \$32,500 project funded by our grant from the Oregon Council and the national office of the IFFF, and co-sponsored by USFWS (Sue Mattenberger) and KBRT (Jared Botcher). Your KCFC contributed \$1500 of seed money (last year's auction proceeds at work, thanks everyone) to initiate this project, and now we have only to fulfill our obligation to seed native grasses and plant and cage riparian shrubs to complete the project. Several of our members have already signed up, but you can still join the fun (these things really are a lot of fun) by signing up at the May Club meeting, or by emailing me at: gregbulkley@gmail.com

Driving Directions:

From Chiloquin, drive west on Chiloquin Road, across 97 and 62 until you come to a Y. Turn left onto Modoc Point Road for about a mile and a half across the Williamson River. The Wiest Ranch will be on your right.

From Klamath Falls, head north on 97 to Modoc Point Road (MP 58), turn left for about 5 miles, the Wiest Ranch will be on your left.

Bring: Gloves, shovels, and rakes.

Water: Will be provided.

Lunch: Will be provided; If you can bring along a side dish or a dessert it would be great.

Schedule: If everyone who has signed up shows up we should be finished the work by lunchtime for the BBQ. The afternoon is free to fish (opening day on the Lower Williamson) from the bank on Wiest Ranch, or to launch your drift boat from the store next door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday May 30th: the Link River Festival This community event needs volunteers to demonstrate fly casting on the Link River. It is a great opportunity to show our sport and Club to the public. We will have a sun shade set up along the Link River Trail. You can sign up at the May meeting, or contact Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com or 714-349-5129.

Monday Evening June 15th: R.A.P. (Resources And People) Camp This event is for 13 to 18 year olds from urban areas. Held at Esther Applegate Camp (Lake of the Woods), the camp is jointly sponsored by State and Federal Agencies and exposes urban youth to outdoor activities. We teach groups of 20 teens at a time how to tie a Woolly Worm fly, beginning at 6:10 PM and ending at 9:00 PM. We need about 10-12 volunteers to assist participants while one demonstrates the tying of the fly. The Camp invites us to have dinner with the campers in their Mess Hall at about 5:30 PM. It has been a very satisfying event for our previous volunteers and the participants. The campers are really great kids and enjoy this particular event. You can sign up at the May meeting or contact either our Education Chairman, Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com , 541-591-1421, or the onsite coordinator, John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com ,541-539-1505.

FILM TRIBUTE TO FRANK MOORE

In the summer of 1944, Frank Moore, one of our KCFC founding fathers, crossed a bridge in France with a convoy of other soldiers. As he looked over to the water below, he saw an Atlantic salmon. Moments later, he saw a fly rod leaning against the wall of a small cafe. These images haunted him throughout the war, his return to his beloved wife Jeanne, and his struggle with what we now call PTSD. Sixty-nine years later, Frank returned to France, this time with Jeanne at his side, and he finally fished that stream.



On June 11th, KCFC is hosting a free showing of the documentary, "Mending the Line," which chronicles the Moores' travel back to France. When we spoke to her at the Expo, Jeanne said, "Frank calls this film a fishing story. I call it a love story." You will have to decide for yourself, but we believe it is both.

This free showing will be Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 pm in the College Union Auditorium at OIT. Believe me, you will NOT want to miss seeing this film!

AUCTION SUCCESS!



The 2015 fundraising auction was a great success, earning the Club over \$5000.00! The Auction Committee thanks every single one of you who helped by contributing items, bidding on items, and helping with the bookkeeping that night! John Hyde and Dick Siemens did a stellar job, as always! Thank you, EVERYONE!!

CASTING IN MOORE PARK

Remember our June meeting (on Saturday, June 6) is the casting tune-up clinic in Moore Park. John Hyde and his band of assistants will be directing the events. This is a great way to attract some public attention and maybe even acquire a new member or two! We will be there from 10:00 to 2:00. Please bring your own lunch.

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

PARADRAKE (HEX)

The paradrake is meant to represent the larger mayflies like the ‘hex’ and the green drake. While the paradrake can be fished on still water where you sometimes find hatches of *Hexagenia limbata*, it is a very buoyant fly that works in almost any flow. Size is chosen to match the hatch, while color should be altered similarly. Yellow/Brown dyed elk, for instance, would produce a good imitation of the *Hexagenia* mayflies on the Williamson River.



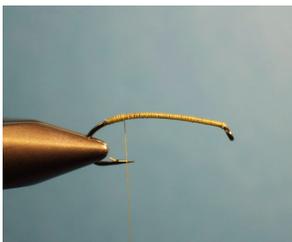
Present the paradrake using standard dry fly tactics, mostly maintaining a drag free drift. I suggest giving the rod a wiggle to impart movement to the fly during the drift.

Materials:

Hook:	Mustad 95840 #8 - #12
Thread:	3/0 Yellow Monocord
Body:	Yellow/Brown Elk hair
Body Support:	12 Lb. Mason Hard Mono
Wing:	Gray Para-post (high-Viz)
Tail:	Elk Hair
Hackle:	Brown or Dun dyed to match natural (I dye a light brown with yellow)

Instructions:

Start the tying thread and wrap back to just short of the hook bend. Return the thread to the seventy five percent point and tie in a length of 12 pound test Mason Hard Mono on the top of the shank. Wrap back over the mono to the band of the hook with very tight thread wraps.



Brush out a whole strand of Hi-Viz Gray Para-post and tie it in as you would a pair of spinner wings. Pull the two wings up above the hook and wrap the thread around the base to post the wings into one unit.



Tie in the butt end of a hackle feather to the hook shank in front of the wing. Post the feather to the base of the post so the feather is tied all the way to the top of the wing post.



Bring the thread up to the hook eye and build a thread base on the shank as you go. Cut, clean and stack a medium sized clump of yellow/brown dyed elk hair. Cut the butt ends of the elk hair clump square across. Lay the butt ends over the eye of the hook and pull the tying thread toward you with steady pressure, allowing the hair to spin around the shank.

Press your finger against the hook eye to distribute the hair around the hook. Make two turns of thread over the hair right at the base of the hair. Pull all the rest of the hair back around the hook shank tightly. Spiral wrap the thread over the elk hair back to the bend of the hook. Tilt the hook in the vise so the tail section is exposed and continue spiraling the thread back off the end of the body about another half a shank length leaving the tips of the hair to extend about another half of a shank length. Continue spiral wrapping the thread forward to the base of the wing.



Wrap the hackle from the top of the post down to the base in even tight turns. Pull the tip of the hackle down on the near side of the hook and tie off the hackle to the wing postbase. Whip finish the thread in that first segment and clip the thread.

Split the tail and cut the center hair out to form a V tail. You can cut as much as you desire, however I usually leave about 5-10 hairs on each side.



HEX FINAL



SIDE VIEW



TOP VIEW

ELECTIONS AT THE MAY MEETING

The biennial election of KCFC officers and Board members will occur at the May 19th regular Club meeting. A slate of nominees is being prepared by Nominations Chair Dick Siemens and his committee.

According to KCFC bylaws, no nominations will be taken from the floor at the May meeting. If you would like to have your name added to the list, or if you would like to nominate someone for an office, please notify Dick or Club Secretary, Terri Twyman before May 5, 2015. (Please do check with the person you are nominating to make sure they want to be on the ballot!)

You may reach Dick at resiemens@centurytel.net or Terri at melterhowdy1@q.com.

PYRAMID LAKE REPORT

Bob Gregory reported that he caught 17 good fish on a very windy Sunday at Pyramid Lake! The next day, the wind dropped off, the water went flat, and he was skunked. Even with a skunk day, it sounded like a fun time. Mark Kelley and his brother fished with Bob one of the days.



KCFC OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2015

Jim Ricks, Outings Chair, has shared this list of upcoming KCFC plans. If you would like to sponsor an outing, please contact Jim at 541-205-3274 or email: mtnestinor@gmail.com .

DATE	LOCATION	STREAM KEEPER	PHONE #	EMAIL
May 15, '15	Diamond Lake	Doug Barnes	909-754-2326	dougbarnes@yahoo.com
June 13, 2015	Juanita Lake	Thomas Whittemore	541-274-0594	waterouzel16@yahoo.com
June 20, 2015	Upper Williamson	Jim Ricks	541-205-3274	mtnestinor@gmail.com
Sept 2015	Medicine Lake, CA	John Staunton	541-884-9627	jjstaunton@charter.net
October 9-10, 2015	Miller Lake	Marshal Moser	541-880-4629	marshalmoser@gmail.com
TBD	Upper Williamson	John Hyde	541-783-3008	yamsiranch@hughes.net



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