



JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



## It is Fly Tying Season

Our Club is fortunate to have an abundance of talented fly tiers in our membership. What makes it even better is that so many of them truly enjoy sharing their abilities through demonstrating and teaching others how to tie flies for maximum effectiveness. In keeping with tradition, our January meeting will feature two of our own Club members discussing and demonstrating fly tying. Ralph Carestia, and another member will present flies of their choosing to share with the Club. Be sure to make plans to attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at The Waffle Hut. Dinner/Social hour will start at 6:00 PM, with the fly tying demonstrations to begin shortly after 7:00 PM.



**CALENDAR**

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting - Fly Tying Demonstrations  
 Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting - Presentation TBD  
 Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting - Presentation by Bill Tinniswood  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting - Presentation by Rick Hafele  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club Fundraiser Auction - Running Y Ranch Resort  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club Fly Casting Clinic at Moore Park

**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.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD**

**John Krueger**

[jk@timefliesoutfitters.com](mailto:jk@timefliesoutfitters.com)  
 President

**Lois Krueger**

[lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com](mailto:lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com)  
 Vice President/President Elect

**Marie Ganong**

<http://mganong@aol.com>  
 Treasurer

**Carl Gurske**

<http://carlgurske@gmail.com>  
 Secretary

**Carol Ann Meadows**

[meadows.carolann@gmail.com](mailto:meadows.carolann@gmail.com)  
 Past President

**Peter Calvo**

[nogndr@petercalvo.com](mailto:nogndr@petercalvo.com)  
 Board Member

**Jim Eiman**

[jieiman@gmail.com](mailto:jieiman@gmail.com)  
 Board Member

**Bob Kingzett**

[bobk@wendtff.org](mailto:bobk@wendtff.org)  
 Board Member

**Kevin Westfall**

[ourlakeshorelanding@gmail.com](mailto:ourlakeshorelanding@gmail.com)  
 Board Member

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."

**COMMITTEES**

Conservation: Vacant  
 Education: Greg Williams  
 Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia  
 Membership: Mark Kelley  
 Outings Coordinator: Kris Henry  
 Programs: Bob Kingzett  
 Social Events & Auction: Lois Krueger  
 Monthly Raffle: Marie Ganong  
 ORCFFI Club Representative, Newsletter Editor, Budget and Communications: Dale Zemke

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Waffle Hut 106 Main 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](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from John Krueger

Another year has passed and as I reflect on the past few months that I have had the privilege of being your KCFC fearless leader, a lot comes to mind. We've had more people attend the meetings and new people show interest in us and become members. We've also had a couple outings even though the weather has been chilly.

Our club is about us ALL, what we can ALL do to become better members, fisherman and woman and listeners. Take time to sit and listen to a club member and hear their thoughts and ideas. You'd be surprised what knowledge we can share with each other.

We have some great presentations and educational events coming up this year and I encourage all of you to get involved and or bring a friend to an outing or meeting. Let's make 2020 a great KCFC fishing year!



## December Club Outing on the Upper Sacramento River

Dr. Peter Calvo, Kris Henry and Grant Pine enjoyed the club outing to the Upper Sacramento on Dec. 20-21. Dr. Calvo's home in McCloud kept them comfy at night. Everyone caught some fish but, being winter, it was characteristically slow. Grant (as usual) landed the prize of the trip, a nice German Brown close to 18".





**Upcoming Youth Education Event**  
**Volunteers Are Needed**

**P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, January 18, 2020 - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM:**

This program, held annually in the Event Center at the Klamath Fairgrounds, provides a variety of activities for children and young adults to expose them to outdoor activities that they can use all their lives.



Our Club participates by teaching kids to tie flies under the supervision of several experienced volunteers and a Fly-Casting venue that is supervised by our primary Fly Casting Instructor, John Hyde, and other volunteers. This community outreach event has been well attended by our volunteers each year, and by participating children (as many as 1200 to 1500 children attend the P.L.A.Y. Outdoors Event each year).

We will be there again, and we can use as many Club volunteers as we can get. The event is happening before the January Club Meeting. So, contact Greg Williams, your Education Chairperson at [greg.williams@charter.net](mailto:greg.williams@charter.net) to volunteer for this activity.





Hatching trout in a classroom is one of those magical activities that:

- facilitates learning in science and math, and
- can be the nucleus of learning activities in language arts, social studies, and fine arts at any grade level.

Caring daily for the fish as they develop from egg to fry fosters a sense of stewardship for wild things — and where wild things live. And best of all, it's fun.

Tentatively on January 23, 2020, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the local office of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife, and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. The children learn how trout go from eggs to fry in a unique aquarium in the classroom, and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. Last year we delivered eggs to 13 classes in 9 schools and to the YMCA and 2 Klamath Libraries. We usually plan to meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date, for breakfast, at which time we will divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a classroom may need.

Feedback from volunteers after deliveries each year has been remarkable - it has always been an excellent experience for all involved.

Please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Eggs to Fry Coordinator, Dale Zemke, by emailing him at [dale\\_zemke@yahoo.com](mailto:dale_zemke@yahoo.com) or **TEXT him** at (714) 349-5129.



**It is Never Too  
Early to Start  
Planning and  
Organizing Club  
Outings:**

**Kris Henry, Outings  
Chairman, can be  
reached at  
541-880-8105 or  
[kj9henry@gmail.com](mailto:kj9henry@gmail.com)**



We are pretty much into the Winter Months, but now is the best time to plan and schedule outings for the Spring and Summer months. The more lead time, the easier to plan and advertise the outing for potential participants. You need to pick a place, get some information about what is needed to fish that place, and give the membership a chance of going with you. Contact Kris Henry to get the outing scheduled and if you feel a need for assistance, Kris and others will be glad to give some advice and help. Step up and commit to the club to go fishing – that is all you are doing, going fishing! It is that simple! If you only want to provide a suggestion of a place for an outing, contact Kris Henry, your Outings Chairman, and put forward your suggestion. Outings are fun and a good way to get to know other members.

**Watch the Newsletter and the Klamath Country Flycasters web site <https://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com/> for updates and additional information and watch for outings signup sheets for future outings that are circulated at meetings.**



### Member's Photo Gallery:



### Club Christmas Party at the Waffle Hut



## Member's Photo Gallery (Cont'd):



## Club Christmas Party at the Waffle Hut



**UNPAID DUES ARE NOW EXTREMELY WAY  
PAST DUE!**

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 either bring it to the January 21st Club Meeting along with your dues, or mail them 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:

---



## Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Kris Henry at 541-880-8105 or [http://kj9henry@gmail.com](mailto:kj9henry@gmail.com) and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Kris your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Kris will then see that the word of the event gets out in a club-wide email to announce your invitation to go fishing, and he will have those interested contact you directly.

## Reminder - the following offer PAID MEMBERS of the Klamath Country Fly Casters Club discounts when making a purchase

Parker's Rod & Gun Rack at 7364 S 6<sup>th</sup> St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented

The Ledge at 369 S 6th St provides a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented.

Timeflies Outfitters at 541-539-1505 or [jk@timefliesoutfitters.com](mailto:jk@timefliesoutfitters.com) offers up to a 15% discount on fly tying materials & tools as well as all fly fishing gear & flies, to current members of the Club.



## Hooked on Fish by Dale Zemke



### Lemon-Roasted Salmon with Escarole, Asparagus, and Potatoes

BY ANNA STOCK WELL EPICURIOUS MARCH 2016

**YIELD:** 4 servings

**ACTIVE TIME:** 20 minutes

**TOTAL TIME:** 40 minutes

#### Ingredients for the Salmon:

- 1/2 lb. skinless salmon fillet
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces roasted bell peppers from a jar, thinly sliced

#### Ingredients for the Salad:

- 1/2 lb. small new potatoes, halved
- 1 bunch asparagus (about 1 pound), trimmed
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup *finely* chopped dill, plus sprigs for serving
- 1/2 head of escarole, coarsely chopped (about 8 cups)
- 3 oz. feta cheese, crumbled



## Hooked on Fish (Cont'd)

### Preparation:

### Cook the Salmon:

- Preheat oven to 300°F. Place salmon in a baking dish and rub with lemon zest, oregano, salt, and pepper on all sides, then coat with oil.
- Arrange peppers around salmon.
- Bake until salmon is firm but still pink in the center, about 20 minutes (if you prefer salmon more well done, cook an additional 5 minutes).

### Meanwhile, make the salad:

- Set a steamer basket in a large pot *filled* with 2" water. Cover pot and bring water to a boil.
- Add potatoes, cover, and steam until tender, 10–12 minutes.
- Add asparagus to potatoes, cover, and steam until crisp-tender, 3–5 minutes.
- Meanwhile, whisk oil, lemon juice, honey, salt, pepper, and 1/4 cup dill in a small bowl or measuring cup.
- Toss escarole with half of the dressing in a large bowl, then transfer to a serving platter.
- Toss potatoes and asparagus with remaining dressing in same bowl, then arrange over escarole.
- Flake salmon into large pieces and arrange on platter.
- Top with feta, peppers, and dill sprigs.



## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### BH Semi Seal - Marabou Leach



Leeches are a go-to Stillwater food source found in nutrient rich lakes. Leeches are most active in low light conditions and can be found hiding under logs and rocks or amid heavy mats of green plant growth that covers parts of the shallower shoal areas of the lake and slow moving rivers. Common leech colors include black, maroon, brown, green, mottled black and brown and mottled brown and green. Patterns can be tied on long shanked nymph hooks with a tungsten bead so that the fly can be presented in a horizontal position when suspended under a strike indicator. I tie small or micro leeches on 14-2X and 12-2X nymph hooks and larger imitations on 10-3X to 8-3X nymph hooks. The key to an effective leech pattern is using materials that breathe or move when the fly is drifting or being stripped in through the water. Strung marabou and synthetic dubbing blends like *Arizona Simi Seal* produce realistic moving patterns. Tungsten or brass beads in copper, gold, red or black will provide an undulating movement when retrieved or suspended under water.

My go to pattern is the black/red Semi seal Leech with red marabou. Micro leeches in various colors become suggestive patterns that could be taken for a damselfly nymph, mayfly nymph or even a caddis pupa. This is one of the best producing leech patterns for Stillwater fishing lakes and rivers and streams. This pattern can be fished suspended under an indicator or fished on a slow retrieve. The key component of this fly is the *Arizona Simi Seal* dubbing for the body. Had a lot of success with this pattern on many lakes and slow moving rivers in the west.



**Recipe:**

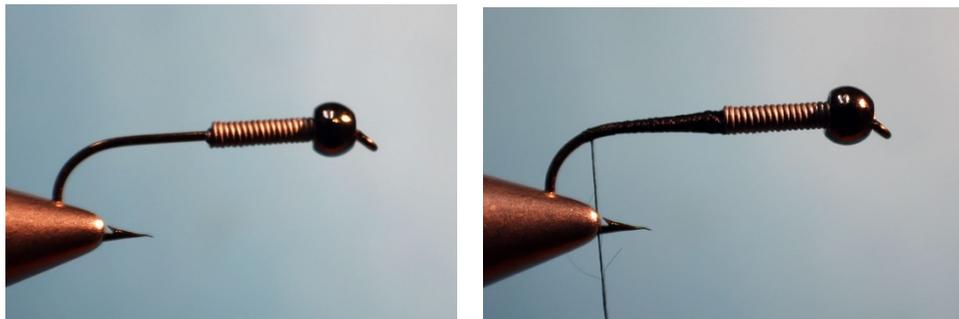
- Hook:** #8-10 Mustad 9672 or TMC 5263  
**Thread:** 6/0 black  
**Tail:** Marabou  
**Weight:** Tungsten bead and 15 wraps of 0.020 Non-Toxic

**Solder**

- Body:** Arizona Simi Seal dubbing tied in using a dubbing loop.  
**Flash:** Black Holographic Flashback Tinsel  
**Over wing:** Marabou

**Instructions:**

1. Place a 5/32” tungsten bead on a TMC 5263 hook. Wrap Non-Toxic Solder shovled up into the bead for added weight. Start your thread and wrap back to just before the hook bend.



2. Select a single marabou feather and stroke a small section of feather barbs out from the stem at a 90-degree angle to align the tips. Strip these fibers from the stem. Measure the marabou against the hook shank and snip the fibers at the base so the tail is about the same length as the hook shank. Place and pinch the marabou fibers on top of the hook shank just above the barb of the hook, and make several tight wraps of thread to bind the material down.



3. A great way to make a buggy body for this pattern is to apply the dubbing with a dubbing loop. Created the dubbing loop by bringing the tying thread around the hook shank to create a loop into which you can place the Arizona Simi Seal dubbing. Twist the loop, to create a dubbing rope much like manufactured chenille, with the fibers protruding from the strand at all angles.



4. Wrap the loop around the shank to create buggy body.



5. Select a single marabou feather tip as your wing. Tie it in at a point equal to the hook gap from the eye of the hook.



6. Tie in about 5-6 strands of Black Holographic Flashback Tinsel on each side of the hook below the wing, about the length of the wing.



7. Create another dubbing loop rope with slightly longer fibers and wrap the loop around the shank to the back of the bead to complete the body.



8. Whip finish the fly and apply head cement.



**Top View**



**Bottom view**

