



NEWSLETTER

“Fishing the Cascade Lakes” with Jeff Perin



Calendar

November 15: Club meeting with Jeff Perin

November 22: Fly Tying Roundtable

December 20: Club Holiday party

December 27: Fly Tying Roundtable

January 17: Club meeting with Ralph Carestia

January 31: Fly Tying Roundtable

The November program of Klamath Country Fly Casters will feature Jeff Perin from the Fly Fisher’s Place in Sisters, Oregon. His presentation will cover fishing seven of his favorite lakes (East, Hosmer, Crane Prairie, Wickiup, Lava, Davis and Three Creeks) and will discuss gear, lines, flies and techniques to have success on any lake.



Jeff Perin is a lifelong Oregonian who has worked as a fly fishing guide and shop owner for 31 years. He started fishing the Cascade Lakes when he was 4 and has been hooked ever since. A passionate and technical angler, Jeff loves all kinds of fishing from lakes, to spring creeks and even a quiet day on a mountain stream with a Tenkara rod just to keep it simple. If it is fishing, it is all good for Jeff!

When not guiding or running the Fly Fisher’s Place in Sisters, Oregon, Jeff is often out on the forest trails with his wife Tina and their 3 dogs, chasing squirrels.

Don’t miss this great presentation!



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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.

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 be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community.”

COMMITTEES

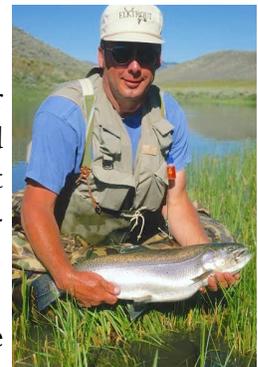
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Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer’s Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

As I write this note, the fishing season on the Williamson is about to close. For those who fish the Williamson this time of year, try using fall caddis patterns and mahogany dun patterns particularly the emerger. Ralph has provided excellent patterns for the mahogany dun in the Newsletters. Also effective are bead-headed Prince nymphs and small muddlers.



Remember that we can now fish year around in the Sprague system and the Klamath River as well as in Agency Lake and Upper Klamath Lake. The brown trout are moving up the Sprague system this time of year—give it a try.

Remember, John Krueger is teaching fly tying every Tuesday at 10 am at Lakeshore Landing at Moore Park. Also a group from our Club has been meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at the Landing at 6 pm to tie flies and socialize. Join in on the fun!

As I mentioned at one of our meetings, Carol Ann would like to step down as editor of our Newsletter. If anyone would like to take on this position, please let me know.

Dale Zemke will be contacting all of us to seek our help as volunteers at the IFFF Expo in Albany on March 10 and 11, 2017. Please consider attending and helping if you can.

Enjoy the fall fishing. I hope to see you at our November meeting.

Dick

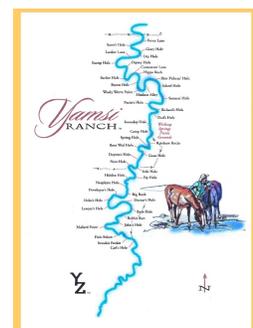
UPCOMING RAFFLE

Come to the November meeting for details about this year's exciting KCFC raffle!

Here’s a sneak preview:

- ~ a 10-foot, 5-weight Echo 3 rod with reel and line package
- ~ one full day of guided fishing on the Upper Williamson River and dinner at the Yamsi Ranch
- ~ some fun extras?

This is an \$800 value that can be yours for purchasing a \$5.00 ticket! Or two tickets, or ten tickets, or....!!!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

KCFC has great programs and fellowship. Invite your friends who might be interested in fly fishing to join you at the November 15th meeting!



CONSERVATION REPORT: ANNIE CREEK, contributed by Jared Bottcher



In late fall of 2015, the downstream most three miles of Annie Creek were fenced (both sides) with a wildlife friendly electric fence. Approximately 4.5 miles of fence was constructed and the fence is at least 90 ft from the stream for it's entire length, creating approximately 160 acres of fenced riparian area. The protected area will be grazed periodically but will be allowed to recover for at least one year before grazing begins. 1,100 native plants were planted along the riparian corridor between Dixon Road and the Wood



River. 230 of these plants (primarily trees) were caged to protect them from browsing. The Conservation Chair will work with the Club to schedule a volunteer day in the Spring of 2017, likely in April, to plant the riparian area north of the Dixon Road. We anticipate planting native riparian shrubs and trees, including willow, cottonwood, and aspen.

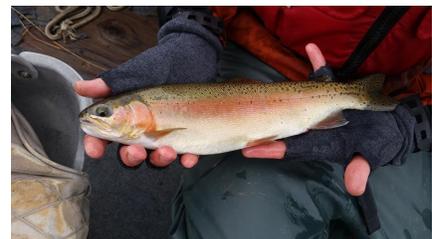


Happy Thanksgiving

LAKE REPORT from Bill Tinniswood

Bill Tinniswood, our KCFC member and ODF&W Fish Biologist recently sent this report:

ODFW just completed our fall lake and reservoir inventory. Fish are very abundant and biting very well in Cottonwood Meadows, Duncan Reservoir and Lofton Reservoir. I encourage fly casters to get out there before the snow flies. Some very nice and healthy fish were collected in Duncan and Cottonwood Meadows up to 21”.



YAMSI RANCH IN CATCH MAGAZINE

Yamsi Ranch had the great opportunity to be featured in Todd Moen's Catch Magazine. Catch Magazine is an online magazine that features amazing fishing photography and film from all over. It only costs \$12 per year, to subscribe. If you get a chance check it out at www.catchmagazine.net



DUES ARE DUE!

According to our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st. 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 September 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: _____

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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS COMING!



Be sure to save Tuesday, December 20th on your calendars. Not only is it KCFC meeting day, it's the annual holiday party! Social Chair, Lois Krueger and her band of elves are already busy making plans and arrangements.

The event will be similar as in recent years. Elmer's Restaurant will cook a prime rib dinner with all the fixings for just \$20.00 per person. Lois would like your RSVPs as soon as possible, so please contact her at 541 539-1555 or email her at lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com.

And, stay tuned for more details!

EXPO NEWS, contributed by Dale Zemke

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 10 and 11, 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 will be 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. We have had a number of members volunteer the last three years, and it is amazing just how much fun everyone has at this event. It is a great way to spend a few days with friends.

We will no longer be sponsoring the Knot Tying Table as a club as we have in the past. The Knot Tying Table has been reduced to a single table in the Fly Tying Demonstration Area and will be staffed by volunteers through the Expo volunteer process.

By a separate email, you will be given instruction on how you can volunteer for specific tasks and time slots at the Expo, including the Knot Tying Table. Take a look at it and see what you might like to get involved in at the Expo - especially if you plan to attend anyway.

The Expo is a hoot and very relaxed and with great times in the evening as well. If you have not attended in the past - I think you would find it to be a great way to spend a weekend. And if you go, volunteer or not, let Lois Krueger (lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com) or Dale Zemke (dale_zemke@yahoo.com) know so they can advise you of any gatherings for dinners.

The Oregon Council of IFFF supports our Club with funds for conservation projects. We need to support them with volunteers!



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Bead Head Prince Nymph

The Prince Nymph was developed by Doug Prince in the thirties and has become a 'go-to' pattern for many fly fishermen. The addition of tungsten bead has made this fly even more popular and effective.

I tie the Prince with non-lead wire shoved into the bead to add weight. I find material selection to be very important when tying the Prince. I look for biots that have a good natural curve to them to assist in the split tail. I use dyed peacock for my Princes in bright green or red. I find it adds a touch of color to the finished fly. I use the wider white biots 'horns' at the head of the fly. I find that the wider biots help to hold them in place.



In all but the slowest stretches of river, I keep Prince Nymphs as the "go-to" patterns when there appears to be no surface activity. The pattern really shines in fast water where typically more stoneflies live. It is also where you'll find the isonychia nymphs. Both are very dark in color.

Materials Needed

- Hook: TMC 5262 #8 - #16
- Thread: 6/0 or 70 Denier Black
- Bead: tungsten Gold bead sized to hook
- Tails: Brown goose biots, tied opposed
- Rib: Gold Wire – Size BR
- Body: Peacock herl, dyed if you like.
- Hackle: Mottled brown hen neck
- Horns: White goose biots, tied flat over the body.

Instructions:



Place the bead on the hook and slide it up to the eye. Make about a dozen wraps of lead behind the bead and shove the wraps into the back of the bead. Start the thread behind the bead and build a taper from the bare shank up onto the lead wraps.

Select two thin brown goose biots from near the tip of the quill. Measure the biots against the shank so they are from one-half to two-thirds of a shank length long. Place the biots at the bend with the tie in point directly in-line with the thread and each biot on its respective side of the shank. Pull down on the thread and let the torque pull the biots into position. Wrap forward over the butt ends of the biots to secure them to the shank.





Return the thread to just behind the bead and tie in the gold wire. Wrap back over the wire to the bend of the hook.

Return the thread to just behind the bead and tie in five or six bushy peacock herls by their tips. Make a thread loop and twist the peacock herls into a rope.



Wrap the peacock forward from the bend to just behind the bead forming a thick, bushy body. Tie the peacock off at about a bead length behind the bead and clip the excess.

Spiral wrap the gold wire forward over the body in five or six evenly spaced turns. Tie the ribbing off at the front of the body and clip the excess.

Select a hackle feather, from a hen neck or saddle, depending on the size of the fly. Split the hackle fibers back to each side of the hook and tie in.



Select a pair of white biots. Pick these from the base of the biot quill, as the biots are wider here and this will help with both securing them in place and their overall durability. Cross the white biots like scissor blades, with both curves down. Make a few wraps of thread over the biots to secure them in place. I like to make a loose turn or two and then really get after it with the thread tension to secure them.



Clip the excess butt ends of the biots as close to the hook as you can and build a smooth thread head over the stubs. Whip finish behind the bead and add a drop of head cement to the head.



Top View



Bottom View

KCFC LIBRARY

Be sure to visit the KCFC Library, located in a beautiful wooden cabinet in the back of our meeting room at Elmer's. There are a variety of fly fishing related books for you to check out, and Jon Wayland recently donated five videotapes that you might enjoy viewing. Thanks, Jon!



FISH FOR THANKSGIVING?

No one knows for certain what the Pilgrims had on their menu for that first Thanksgiving dinner. The only documented source says that several men went "a-fowling" before the three-day harvest celebration and that the Native Americans brought venison. However, after surviving in North America for a year, the Pilgrims had perfected their angling skills and, almost certainly, sea bass, cod and shellfish were served as well. So, if you'd like to add some fish to your holiday menu, you would be historically appropriate!



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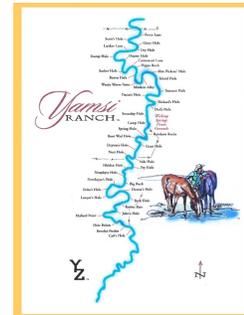
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- ~ Echo fly rods
- ~ AirFlo fly lines, leaders
- ~ Award winning silver and leather
- ~ wildlife/bird watching
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Hand Carved Fly Fishing Screen - \$2000.00



Created by artist William Herrick for Big Sky Carvers, this screen features 3 24" panels and stands about 7' tall. The panels depict a bookcase with fly rods, reels and a creel. The frame is quarter-sawn oak and the panels are likely maple.

Contact Jerry Robillard at 541 783-0932, 425 359-1005 or jerryrobillard@me.com



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