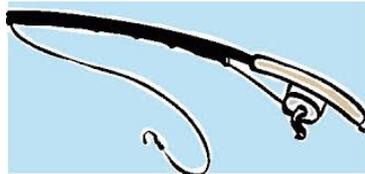
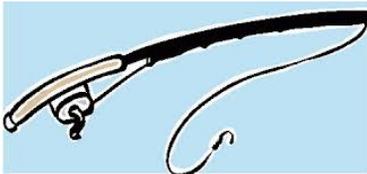




NEWSLETTER

“TIPS AND TRICKS”

with KCFC experts!



Calendar

May 17: Club Meeting with instructional topics

June 4: Club Meeting/casting tune-up at Moore Park

June 11: Club Picnic

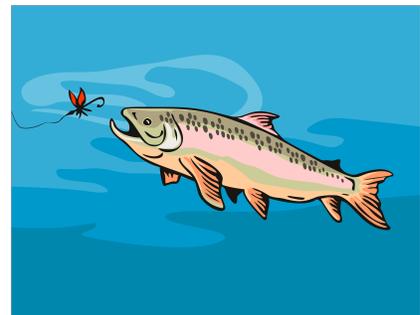
June 13: RAP Camp

The May 17th meeting of Klamath Country Fly Casters at Elmer’s Restaurant is your chance to pick up great hints, tips and tricks from folks you know in our Club.

The format will be vastly different from our regular Club meetings. On the 17th, a variety of “stations” will be set up and you will be invited to travel around the room, visiting with the host of each station as you learn more about our chosen sport!

Our usual dinner hour will be at 6:00 with the fun program beginning around 7:00. Make plans to attend the May meeting. Be ready to ask questions and pick the brains of folks who know the answers!

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.

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

Conservation: Jared Bottcher
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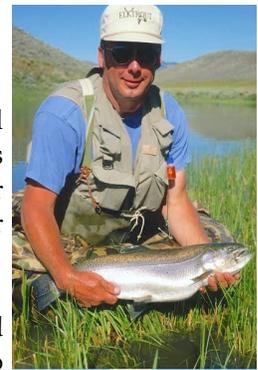
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 Social/Auction: Lois Krueger

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

Our annual auction was a great success. I don’t know the final net number yet but it will probably be in excess of \$6000. A big thank you to all who donated the wonderful items that were auctioned and of course also to those who made the generous bids. Remember that your donations are tax deductible. Please obtain a form from Peg to record your donation. You should keep the form with your tax records.



The program for the May meeting will be something that we have never tried but should be of interest to all of you. It will be an educational session where experienced Club members will provide tips and instructions on most aspects of fly fishing. Included will be casting, knot tying, leader set up, including set up for using two flies, fly tying, etc. Please come and join in the fun and don’t hesitate to offer a tip from your own experience! We would like to have an open exchange of ideas.

I know some of you have been fishing so if I forget, remind me to ask for fishing reports. Enjoy fishing this month; see you at the meeting.

Dick

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We have three new members this month: Gregg Havens, Mary Desisto, and Norman Holliday! Be sure you look for them at the May meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome them into our KCFC family!



Thanks, too, to Mike and Mimi Williams and Larry Licking for “re-upping!”

2016 RAP CAMP

This year’s RAP Camp will once again be held at Camp Esther Applegate, at Lake of the Woods. As in the past several years, KCFC has committed to help teach small groups of high school students the basics of fly tying. Volunteers are invited to share a camp supper with the students and teachers, followed by the instructional time.



RAP Camp

Resources and People

If you are available for this fun event on Monday, June 13th, please contact Education Chair, John Krueger at 541 539-1505. Thanks!

UPCOMING OUTINGS

Outings Chair, Jim Ricks, has begun a great lineup of events for 2016! Please consider adding yourself as a leader of an outing to one of your favorite places. It's simple! Pick a place, a time, publicize it through Jim and see who shows up! You may reach Jim at 541 205-3274 or mtnestinor@gmail.com .

PLACE:	DATE:	CONTACT:
Diamond Lake	5/20/2016	Doug Barnes 909 754-2326
Juanita Lake	5/21/2016	Dale Zemke 714 349-5129
Miller Lake	9/??/2016	Marshal Moser marshalmoser@gmail.com
Stream Fishing	TBA	Jim Ricks 541 205-3274
Upper Williamson	TBA	John Hyde 5410783-3008

DIAMOND LAKE OUTING

Doug Barnes is leading a Club outing to Diamond Lake on Friday, May 20th. Doug says chironomids usually fish well there from boats, float tubes, or pontoon boats.

Please let Doug know if you would like to join this day trip: 909 754-2326 or dougbarnes@yahoo.com .

Plans are to meet at the Klamoya parking lot (gas station area) at 6:30am on the 20th. Please bring your own lunch and drinks.

AUCTION SUCCESS



The 2016 auction was again a success with over \$6000 added to the KCFC coffers! Congratulations to the auction committee for a job well done!

CLUB OUTING TO LAKE JUANITA, submitted by Dale Zemke

Lake Juanita is the Club's May outing destination, planned for Saturday, May 21st. I plan to arrive about 9:00 AM on that day unless I decide to drag my Travel Trailer down a day or two earlier.



Juanita is located approximately 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Macdoel, CA. It is a small, high altitude lake that is not heavily visited or fished. It is, however, stocked with trout and has a population of large mouth bass and catfish. It fishes well, although not large fish, and the facilities are excellent. There is about a 1.5 mile paved trail around the lake with two fishing jetties. There is also a concrete boat launch ramp and a fish cleaning station. (Hey - the trout are stockers after all!) No motors of any sort, fuel or electric, are allowed, but the size of the lake makes it excellent for row boats, float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, or kayaks. The water stays cold all through the summer, so it must be spring fed. You probably want to dress accordingly if float tubing.

This will be a day trip. Please bring your own food and beverage. Drinking water and vault toilets are available. There is no day use fee at this US Forest Service campground, only a fee if you are overnighiting. There is a nicely maintained campground for those that want to stay overnight. We have had Club outings at this lake for the last couple of years and it has been a very successful location, and well worth a try as a nearby fishing opportunity, even though it is in California. A 1 day California license is \$15.12 or a 2 day for \$23.50 for residents and non-residents alike. The license can be obtained online at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales>.

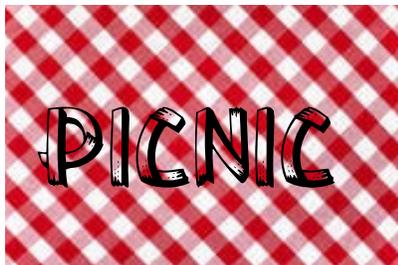
Please contact me for more information: Dale_Zemke@yahoo.com

JUNE CLUB MEETING



The June meeting of KCFC will be our annual "Casting Tune-Up" on Saturday, June 4th in Moore Park. Led by our very own certified casting instructor, John Hyde, this is a great time to spend a few hours with your friends and get some excellent pointers on how to improve your casting techniques.

We will be in Moore Park from approximately 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please feel free to bring a sack lunch, if you would like.



Saturday, June 11th is the date of the annual KCFC Picnic! This year's festivities will be at Rocky Point Resort, west of town. Social Chair, Lois Krueger, has all the details, so please contact her at 541 539-1555 with your RSVP!



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PRESS RELEASE, dated April 6, 2016

KLAMATH, Calif. — The U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Commerce, PacificCorp, and the states of Oregon and California today signed an agreement that, following a process administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), is expected to remove four dams on the Klamath River by 2020, amounting to one of the largest river restoration efforts in the nation.

State and federal officials also signed a new, separate agreement with irrigation interests and other parties known as the 2016 Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement (KPFA). This agreement will help Klamath Basin irrigators avoid potentially adverse financial and regulatory impacts associated with the return of fish runs to the Upper Klamath Basin, which are anticipated after dams are removed.

This new agreement acknowledges that additional work is necessary to fully restore the Klamath Basin, advance the recovery of its fisheries, uphold trust responsibilities to the tribes, and sustain the region's farming and ranching economy. Many of these efforts will require Congressional action, and the agreement commits the signatories to actively cooperate with all Klamath Basin stakeholders – Members of Congress, tribes, farmers and others – to develop additional agreements over the next year to offer comprehensive solutions to these issues.

The newly amended dam removal agreement, which uses existing nonfederal funding and follows the same timeline as the original agreement, will be filed with FERC on or about July 1 for consideration under their established processes. Under the agreement, dam owner PacifiCorp will transfer its license to operate the Klamath River dams to a private company known as the Klamath River Renewal Corporation. This company will oversee the dam removal in 2020. PacifiCorp will continue to operate the dams until they are decommissioned.

In 2010, Klamath Basin stakeholders signed the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). In 2014, the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA) was signed. Members of the California and Oregon delegations introduced legislation in the past two Congresses to advance the hard-fought KHSA and two related Klamath agreements. However, the U.S. Congress adjourned last year without authorizing them. The expiration of the KBRA last December caused uncertainty in moving forward with the KHSA and UKBCA.

In early 2016, the parties, who have spent years negotiating the pacts, resolved to find a new path forward. The amended KHSA and the 2016 Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement are the result of those collaborative discussions.

The four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River are operated for hydroelectric power generation. Modern environmental laws require that the dams need to be retrofitted to provide fish passage for salmon, steelhead and other fish. The Oregon and California public utility commissions found that the original KHSA was a prudent alternative for PacifiCorp's customers.

The Klamath River flows 263 miles through Oregon and northern California in the United States, emptying into the Pacific Ocean.



Photo by Tami Heilemann, DOI

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

BLACK DRAKE, designed E. H. "Polly" Rosborough

The Williamson River is a blue-ribbon, trophy trout spring creek located in Southern Oregon, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls. This is the river made famous by E.H. Polly Rosborough in his book, Tying and Fishing the Fuzzy Nymphs. "Polly" was a pioneer in fly design and matching the hatch, and dedicated most of his life to understanding this fishery. The upper river is exciting with abundant hatches of Black Drakes in June for great for catching of redband rainbow and brook trout. Dick Winter, local tyer, has developed his own great Black Drake Spinner which was previously featured as the fly of the month in April 2015. Black Drake spinner-falls can be heavy enough to require attention, but the duns crawl out on protruding grasses to emerge. Rosborough's own prescription for the Black Drake mayfly indicates that the body is built rather slender. Segments should total eight. Use extra-long saddle hackles to give you eight turns, so it will float properly. The thorax is always charcoal black on the black drake and is covered with the hackle.

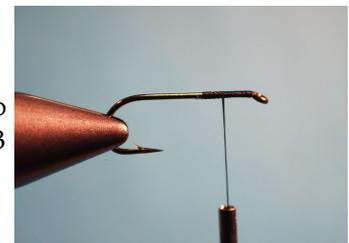


Materials:

- Hook: Tiemco 100, sizes 10 - 12
- Thread: Black - 8/0 (70 denier)
- Tail: Medium dun died light purple hackle fiber
- Wing: Dun hen hackle
- Body: Maroon acrylic yarn died brown – brownish- maroon (single strand)
- Throax: Charcoal Black Dubbing
- Rib: Gray size A rod wrap
- Hackle: Medium dun died light purple thorax

Instructions

Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the midpoint of the hook. Return the thread to a position 1/3 the shank length behind the eye.



Select a matching pair of hen hackle tips - turn them back to back, and even the tip ends. Hold the feathers with your left hand with the tips pointing forward over the hook eye and measure one shank length. Switch the grip to your right hand and pull the fibers below the tie-in point on the center stem toward the rear exposing a bare area of stems. Switch hands again holding the butt fibers rearward and lower the stems over the hanging thread at the wing position. Tie in on top of the hook shank and tie down the stems halfway back to the hook bend. Trim the butts.



Select six-eight stiff hackle fibers for the tail, measure them to one shank length, and tie them in on top of the hook shank. Trim the butts so they reach the wing butts and secure with thread wraps.

Cut off a length of size A gray rod wrap thread, tie in at the front of the tail and wrap to the wing base.



Select a single strand of the dyed acrylic yarn; tie on top just behind the wing base and tie it down with spiral thread wraps along the top of the shank to the base of the tail. Advance the thread forward to the wing base.

Wrap the acrylic yarn forward in touching turns to the wing, and take two turns of thread to hold the yarn in position. Pull the wings up and to the rear, perpendicular to the hook shank. With firm thread wraps in front of the wing base, post up the wings 90 degrees. Separate the wings and take a figure eight wrap between the wing stems.



Wrap the gray thread rib forward in 7-8 even turns to the wing, tie off and trim.

Select a correctly sized hackle feather, strip the fluff from the lower stem, and tie it on top of the hook shank with the dull side facing up just behind the wing with the stem, butt lying between the wings. Advance the thread in front of the wing and tie down the hackle butt with a couple turns of thread and trim.





Dub a small amount of charcoal black dubbing around the wing in a figure 8 pattern to give a little density to the thorax before covering it with the hackle.

Wrap the hackle in dry fly fashion forward with 3-4 wraps behind the wing and 4-5 wraps in front of the wings. Tie off the hackle tip and trim.



Form a neat head, whip finish it and add head cement.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



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