



NEWSLETTER

The KCFC

Holiday Party



Calendar

December 20: Club Holiday party

December 27: **NO** Fly Tying Roundtable

January 17: Club meeting with Ralph Carestia

January 21: PLAY Outdoors

January 31: Fly Tying Roundtable

Late January or Early February: Eggs to Fry

KCFC Social Chair, Lois Krueger, announces that the annual KCFC Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 20th, at Elmer's, where our monthly meetings are held. The fun begins at 6:00 with Elmer's great carved prime rib au jus, all the side dishes and dessert. Soft drinks, coffee or iced tea will also be provided. The cost is \$20.00 per person, gratuity included, payable to KCFC as you arrive.

As is our Club tradition, we will have a gift exchange that evening. The same rules apply: if you are a man, please bring gift for a man. And ladies, please bring a gift for another lady. We suggest a limit of \$10.00 for these gifts. We will also be taking donations, either cash or gently used fly fishing equipment, for Project Healing Waters, the organization that helps wounded veterans through fly fishing therapy. Please consider sharing some Christmas spirit with our vets!

This looks like a great evening of Yuletide cheer, and there is always a good turnout. We need to let Elmer's know how many dinners to prepare, so please RSVP as soon as possible! We need a confirmed count by December 13th. You may call Lois with your RSVP at 541-539-1555 or you may email her at lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com. You may also RSVP to Secretary Peter Calvo, at 541-810-8473 nogndr@qwestoffice.net.



See you at the party!

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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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Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

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Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks

Programs: Bob Kingzett

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

I hope many of you have been out fishing. I am still nursing a bad back but have been tying flies. With the nasty weather I don't mind being inside anyway.

You have all been notified of the time for PLAY Outdoors, January.21. Come out and join in the fun helping kids tie a fly (which we let them keep) or help them to learn to cast.

There is a nice article in the latest issue of Fly Fishing and Tying Journal by Dave Hughes that he titles, "Simplifying Sunk Flies." In addition to discussing the flies, he provides a lot of good patterns for the flies he uses. The article also has a lot of nice photos of John Hyde and the Williamson River on the Yamsi Ranch.

The new year is approaching and should provide some exciting fishing opportunities for all of us. If anyone would like to "head up" a fishing outing to any river or lake please contact Jim Ricks and he will explain what needs to be done to organize and carry out the trip.

Please mark on your calendar March 10 and 11, 2017 which are the dates of the Fly Fishing and Tying Expo in Albany and plan to attend. This expo is one of the best sponsored by the IFFF. There are classes available on all aspects of fly fishing, vendors with about everything you need, and fly tying demonstrations by hundreds of outstanding tiers going on at all times.

Remember this is election year. If you would like to be an officer or director of the Club, please see John Hyde, our nomination chairman. Also remember that Carol Ann would like to step down as Newsletter editor. Please contact me if you would like to take over this interesting task.

Hope to see you at our annual Christmas dinner at Elmer's. Dick



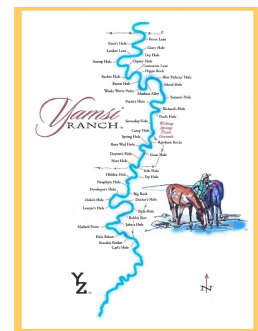
RAFFLE!!

Come to the Christmas Party for more 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
- ~ hand-tied flies

This is an \$925 value that can be yours for purchasing a \$5.00 ticket! Or two tickets, or ten tickets, or.....!!!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please welcome our newest members, Mark and Danielle Hereford! Watch for them at future meetings so you can introduce yourself and welcome them into our fly fishing community!



PL.A.Y. OUTDOORS

PL.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors is with us again. On Saturday, January 21st, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, a team of volunteers from our Club will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting at the Event Center in the Klamath County Fairgrounds. We have done this for the past four years, and it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding event for members and children alike. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for this upcoming event, please contact John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com or 541-539-1505 and he will be more than happy to add you to the list of volunteers as either a fly tyer instructor or you can help John Hyde as a fly casting instructor. Remember, the fly we tie is a very simple one, so you do not need to be an expert as ugly flies are quite acceptable in a child's eye. So go for a fun day and help a kid get interested in fly fishing!



Have you paid your dues? Please do!

EGGS TO FRY CLASSROOM PROGRAM

Fish in a classroom is one of those magical activities that . . .

- catches kids' interest in the real world,
- 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 those wild things live. And best of all, it's fun.

Sometime in January or perhaps February, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. This is a program that exists under a variety of names throughout the country, often called Trout in the Classroom, here in Oregon it is "Eggs to Fry." The children learn how trout grow from eggs to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds.

Jennifer Luke, a STEP Biologist with ODFW, High Desert Region, with the assistance of Akimi King of the USFW here in Klamath Falls, will be coordinating the classrooms and schools, and will arrange to have the trout eggs transferred to the Klamath Fish Hatchery near Chiloquin where we will pick them up and transport them to Klamath Falls. We normally meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date for breakfast at Elmer's, divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a particular classroom may need.

The feedback from the volunteers after delivery in past years has always been delightful to read. It is a great experience for all involved. We can always use more assistance in activities like this, especially if there are conflicts that keep some volunteers from participating due to the nature of the last minute notice of the date. If you would like to help out on this, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Education Chairman, John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com or 541 539-1505.

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

Watch for Ralph's amazing column to return in January!

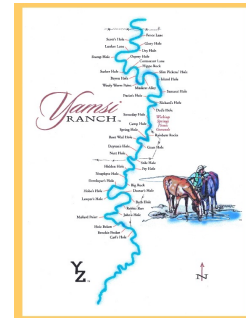
MEMBERS ONLY BUSINESS ADVERTISING

KCFC members may now advertise in our Club newsletter! You may have your business card or a brief statement published for a fee of \$25.00 per calendar year. Please give your \$25.00 to Treasurer Peg Edwards.



YAMSI RANCH

- ~ IFFF certified fly casting instructor
- ~ the Upper Williamson River
- ~ Hyde Lake
- ~ Echo fly rods
- ~ AirFlo fly lines, leaders
- ~ Award winning silver and leather
- ~ wildlife/bird watching
- ~ working cattle ranch



BLACK DRAKE RANCH offers 420 acres of privacy with miles of two year-round flowing streams, teeming with wild native redband and brown trout that thrive on prolific insect hatches, a unique opportunity for the fly fishing enthusiast! On a rock point overlooking the stream step pools, Gearhart Mt, pine timber, meadows and sage sits the Ranch House; uniquely one of a kind, floor length windows, Southern pine beam ceiling, hickory, granite, historic barn wood, rock fireplace, wrap around deck & 3 car garage. In addition; the Fish Camp log cabin and the bunk house plus 3/2 MF home tucked in the pines by a water fall and 75 acre pasture. Well priced at \$1,760,000.



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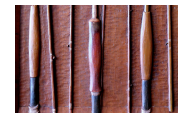
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Hand Carved Fly Fishing Screen - \$2000.00



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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IFFF FLY TYING GROUP

“Tying Times” is the official newsletter of the Fly Tying Group of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. It is published quarterly as a major venue for informing members of projects and upcoming events of interest to them.



Each issue also contains articles that include planning and teaching tying workshops, helpful tying techniques and descriptions of tying materials and their unique characteristics that make them especially suitable for specific tying applications.

It is intended that members may learn something new from each issue that will help them expand their fly tying skills and thus contribute to our mission, which generally is to preserve the art form of fly tying for all fly fishers.

If you are not a member and would like to receive the benefit of “Tying Times,” please join the Federation by going to www.fedflyfishers.org.



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