

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

September 2023 Edition

Hi everyone. As I sit here writing my first president's message I'm reflecting on the wonderful work done by our previous president Lois Krueger. She has given much over the years and deserves heart felt recognition for her contributions. She continues to serve our club admirably.

Now, as your new president, the irony of being a leader - the president, is not lost on me. As I embark on my time as club president my immediate focus will be on growing the club. Covid played havoc on many organizations as club memberships across various clubs diminished significantly as people chose to be safe and stopped attending their respective clubs.

As we look across the meeting room we see a lot of gray in the hair of our members. To pass on the joy of fly fishing a focus of getting younger members to join and participate in fly fishing will be present. The philosophy of this board for the next two years will incorporate the need to care for each other, promote the sport of fly fishing, secure the best programs to learn from which will highlight the art and techniques of fly fishing, development of regular outings under the guidance of our outing chair Lois Krueger, and, perhaps most important, to have fun.



Peter Calvo
KCFC President



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Marshal Moser Contributed this photo of a beaver pond. It is a stream at the base of the Cascades.

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ABOUT THE KLAMATH COUNTRY **FLY CASTERS**

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

Club Meetings:

Klamath Country Fly Casters meetings are currently being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September Thru May at 6:00 PM, in the Banquet Room of the Waffle Hut at 106 Main Street Klamath Falls, OR

Membership dues are \$35.00 per family per year. The membership year is October thru September.

Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
Sept 12, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Tim Cleland <i>How to fish the changing seasons on the Wood and Williamson rivers</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Oct 10, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Gary Lewis <i>Fishing for salmon and steelhead in central & western Oregon</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Nov 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Dec 12, 2023 6:00 PM	Club's Annual Christmas Party	Club Board of Directors	To Be Determined
Jan 9, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Feb 13, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Mar 12, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Apr 9, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Bill Tinniswood <i>Angling potential in local waters</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 14, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
June ??, 2024	Annual Casting Clinic	To Be Determined	Moore Park

September's Meeting Program



Tim Cleland – Redband Becoming Guide Service

<https://redbandbecomingguideservice.com>

Tim's angling background: Lifelong angler. Born and raised in Klamath Falls. Took up the art of fly fishing after high school. Currently a High School teacher and Fishing Guide during season.

Presentation topics: How the Wood and Williamson rivers change during the season and how strategies change as a result. How to be successful during each change.

So join us at the September 12th meeting for additional insight into fishing two of our Blue Ribbon fisheries.

Seasonal Opportunities

September, October, November

Fall fishing can be some of the best of the year. Trout and warmwater fish are more active in cooler water temperatures and more interested in food, especially with winter approaching. Summer steelhead fishing peaks while access to marine fisheries can be limited by heavy fall storms.



Trout angler on South Twin Lake

Trout

Early fall fishing will feel a lot like late summer fishing, and trout will continue to pout in cool water refuges. But as the evenings get cooler and fall rains begin, the fishing will pick up. In fact, some of the best trout fishing of the year can be in September to November when trout get over their summer doldrums and start feeding heavily in anticipation of the upcoming winter.

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Need more reasons to keep fishing after school starts? ODFW renews trout stocking in many popular water bodies in fall, the weather can be gorgeous and most of the crowds have gone home.

Tips for the season: As fall progresses, look for fish to move back into the shallows looking for warmer water. Sleep in. Trout will be more active as the waters warm later in the day.

Warmwater

There is a resurgence of warmwater fishing once water temperatures begin to cool in the fall. Crappie begin schooling in the shallows, and bass will be feeding heavily in anticipation of the winter.

Tip for the season: In fall, crappie congregate in loose schools around sunken logs or brushy cover or just beyond the weeds in water 6- to 15-foot deep.

Salmon

On the coast, fall salmon fishing begins to pick up in the bays and estuaries in late August or early September. These fisheries will begin to move upriver once fall rains have raised river levels enough to draw fish in. Anglers also look forward to coho fisheries in the Sandy and upper Willamette rivers.

Tip for the season: Be patient while coho fishing in rivers; coho can be lure shy and it might take a while to dial in this fishery.



Siletz River Chinook

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Steelhead

While summer steelhead fishing continues, especially on rivers a little further from the ocean, late fall begins a transition to winter steelhead.

Tips for the season: Be stealthy and discreet; low, clear water conditions call for quieter presentations of small, subdued-colored flies and lures. Fish early and late in the day; steelhead go on the move when the sun is off the water.

Marine

Many of the summer fisheries continue into fall. As the season progresses, however, late fall storms can make ocean conditions difficult if not dangerous.

Tip for the season: Watch for heavy surf; it can make shore and jetty fishing potentially dangerous.

The preceding Article on Seasonal Opportunities is provided through the courtesy of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and can be viewed along with many other articles about outdoor recreation at

myodfw.com

Regulation Updates can be found on the ODFW website at:

myodfw.com/articles/oregon-fishing-hunting-regulations-and-updates



Club Activities

John Krueger's Weekly Fly Tying Gatherings:

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Please call John at 541-539-1505 if you're planning to attend. Class is usually 8-10 people. Equipment provided if needed....donations for materials are always welcome.



Club Activites

KCFC BBQ

Hello Everyone,

We hope you had an amazing summer and are enjoying a little bit cooler weather.... This year we have decided not to have an auction and simply have a relaxing barbecue to bring us all together and to strengthen our membership and friendships.

Saturday, September 23rd at 3:00 pm is the date/time we have chosen for this event. It will be on the Krueger's lawn. 2880 Lakeshore Drive (look for signs)

KCFC will provide the main course, water, soda, plates, napkins & silverware. It will be a Potluck, so everyone needs to bring a side dish.

Please call or email Lois Krueger to let her know if you will be attending and how many in your group and what delicious dish you're bringing.

Bring a friend who would like to know more about our club, and what we do.

Contact:

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A BIG thank you to Klamath County guide association. Brent Hublitz, and Craig Shouman (?) for the generous donation of \$3,711.09 to KCFC. Sadly the guide association is no longer and this is how we received this donation. It will be used to benefit local waters and children's programs.

KCFC Membership Application

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1st each year. As of November 1st, 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 mail it to:

Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

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Indispensable Flies

By Ralph Carestia

Madam X



The Madam X is a versatile pattern developed by author, guide, and fly tyer Doug Swisher. It was originally developed this fly for fishing the Bitterroot River located in Southwestern Montana. The Madam X made its debut in Doug Swisher's videotape, "Tying Attractor Flies" It can imitate various insect life including hoppers, caddis, cicada, stoneflies, dragonflies and many other of the larger sized insect that big trout love to prey on.

Madam X fly pattern (in various colors) can imitate several insect life including hoppers, fall caddis, stoneflies, and many other of the larger sized insect that big trout love to prey on. Madam x is what I consider to be one of the best patterns, as it casts well under all conditions, floats like a cork, and is easy to see. It is also one of the best exploring patterns on the market, under all conditions. You never come home after a day fishing Madam X and wonder if you missed a strike. When trout take this fly, they hold on to it viciously.

This fly should be on the top of your list when selecting the top half of a Hopper-Dropper combo.

When fishing Madam X, cast upstream and diagonal from your position. Don't cast once and move on; try repeated casts to the same water/cover, giving fish ample time to rise for the fly. Madam X is lethal when dead drifted, but don't be afraid to give the fly a twitch now and again.

Recipe:

Hook:	TMC 5212 dry fly hook, 2X long, sizes #6 to #14
Thread:	Yellow (color to match body)
Tail:	Natural deer hair (or elk)
Body:	Poly Yarn; Yellow, Orange, Red, Grey, Tan, etc.
Wing and Head:	Natural deer hair (White Tail or tougher elk hair head)
Legs:	Round rubber-strand (Yellow, Brown, Grizzly, etc)

Madam X

Instructions:



STEP 1

Start the thread in the front of the hook just behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to the bend of the hook.



STEP 2

Comb and stack a small bunch of deer (or elk) hair. Bind the hair by its butts at the two-thirds-up-the-shank point. The hairs' tips should extend beyond the rear of the shank a distance roughly equal to the hook's gape. Wrap the deer hair (or elk) with thread till you reach the 1/4 mark on the hook shank.



STEP 3

Using scissors, clip off a small portion of natural colored deer hair and place it in your hair stacker. Lightly tap the stacker a few times to align the deer hair tips. Measure the deer hair so that, once it's tied into place, it extends off the end of the hook shank about the same distance as the hook's length. When you tie on the deer-hair tail, it should sit on top of the hook shank.



STEP 4

Make sure all the deer hair is wrapped down neatly to form a nice, thick underbody. If you have a sloppy underbody, you may find deer hair sticking out from underneath the thread. The tips of the hair should point forward, over the hook's eye.

Madam X



STEP 5

Build up the abdomen (over the hair) with the Lt. yellow thread, all the way from the front of the hook to the tail creating a smooth flat body. Cut a piece of yellow Poly Yarn. Wrap the Poly Yarn making sure to cover all the deer hair on the body to neatly form a nice, thick body. Continue wrap the body of the fly as far forward as you can, trying to get the Poly Yarn as tight as possible to the back of the hook eye. You should have a slight taper towards the front of the fly once you've finished dubbing the body.



STEP 6

With your hands (or bullethead tool, if you have one), push the deer hair extending over the hook eye back over the body of the fly. It will take some effort to get it to form a nice, round bullet-head. When you are satisfied with the shape and size of the bullethead, make two wraps to tie the head down.



STEP 7

Cut two 2-inch long strips of small, yellow, round rubber legs. Tie each strip to the side of the fly body, flaring the elastic strips out into an X shape.



Madam X

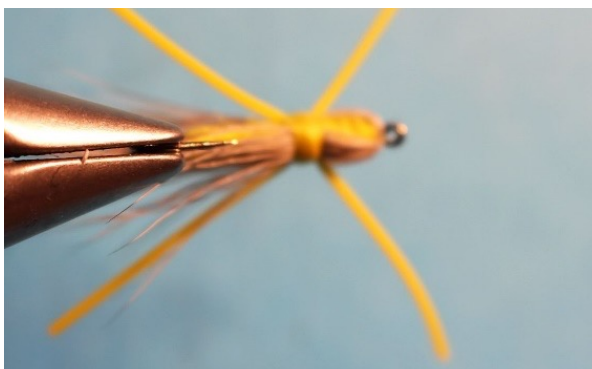


STEP 8

Whip finish with the thread just in the middle of them.



Top View



Bottom View