



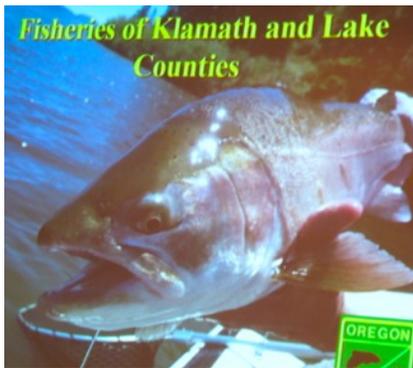
NEWSLETTER

“Fisheries of Klamath and Lake Counties” *with Bill Tinniswood*



Mark your calendars for THE best-attended KCFC meeting of the year! On Tuesday, March 17th Bill Tinniswood will once again give us his professional opinion on which Klamath Basin fisheries should be fishing well this season and which ones might not be quite so good.

Calendar
March 13-14: Expo in Albany
March 17: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood: Local Fishing Prospects
April 1-6: Club outing to Pyramid Lake (Bob Gregory)
April 12: Club outing to Pronghorn Ranch (Dale Zemke)
April 21: Annual Auction
Late April: Club outing to Shoalwater Bay (Mark Kelley)
May 15: Club outing to Diamond Lake (Doug Barnes)
May 19: Club meeting with Phillip Rowley: Stillwater Fishing; Club Elections



Bill is an Assistant District Biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and while he does have a wealth of knowledge about our area’s fishing prospects, he also shares that knowledge in a friendly, easy-going manner. Do you have questions about various places in the Klamath Basin? Bill will happily do his best to answer them! Be sure to bring a pad of paper and pen or pencil, and be prepared to take notes.

The dinner hour starts around 6:00, with the evening’s program beginning around 7:00. 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.

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

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest KCFC members! Make sure to look for **David Kirkpatrick, McKenzie Allen, Derek Shoun and Bill Trento** at the next meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome them into our fly fishing family!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

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FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

Mentoring: Dave Biddison

Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks

Programs: Bob Kingzett

Social Events/Annual

Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

Spring is fast approaching although, even more so this year, it is difficult to tell when it is spring or winter. Obviously, the largest concern is going to be water and water conditions for fish this year. It could be really tough all the way around. Here is hoping things improve in the next few months for all, as the basin is certainly suffering.



We are in a little bit of a hiatus right now - anticipating the opening of the fishing season - we are again going to be honored with Bill Tinniswood's anxiously awaited "where to fish and where to not bother" presentation at the upcoming meeting. It is the most attended meeting of the year - people come out of the woodwork to a standing room only session.

With that kind of a turnout, there should be an opportunity to break the back of the Pontoon Boat raffle - at present we are only about 40% toward the goal that will allow us to pull the winning ticket this year. I have to believe that there are at least 10-15 members that will be at the March meeting that could hand Peg a \$20 bill and take 5 tickets - that would raise \$200 - \$300 toward the goal. Obviously more members than that can do it and more \$\$ can be spent. I will spend out of my pocket to try and ensure that we get to do the drawing in May, but all that does is increase my odds of winning.... Which is ok with me, but I would rather see the odds spread out a bit. So come prepared to take a shot at winning a great craft for our local waters.

The other thing that happens this year is the election of Officers and Board Members. If anyone is interested in a seat on the Board or to hold an Office, other than President (Lois Krueger, as V.P. and President Elect slides into the Presidency in keeping with our bylaws), please communicate with Dick Siemens, our Nominating Committee Chairman. All Nominations have to be in by May 5th to be considered.

And a final note - be sure to visit the Club web site periodically as things change, and I try to keep that as up to date as possible regarding upcoming events and outings. The Club exists to provide you opportunities, so take advantage of them. You can't lose!

As usual, Tight Lines until we meet.

Dale

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING

The first KCFC outing of the year will be to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, April 1 through 6, and will be led by Stream Keeper, Bob Gregory. If you would like an opportunity to land a "large" trout, then this is the place to go. Lahontan Cutthroat trout, ranging in size from 10 to 20 pounds (and on up) are available at Pyramid Lake to the lucky angler. And yes, this is the lake where you fish standing on a step ladder!



You may contact Bob at 541 884-0092 or email Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com, and he will make sure your name gets to Bob.

IN MEMORIAM

Longtime KCFC member Cliff Crandall passed away in early February. He was a friend to many within the Club and his absence will be felt by all. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Kathy and his family.



PRONGHORN LAKE CLUB OUTING APRIL 12

There are still a few openings left for this outing. It is a day trip to Mike and Diane Tyrholm's Pronghorn Lake Ranch, about 37 miles from Klamath Falls. The number of anglers for this trip is limited- 12 at the maximum. There is a "rod fee" of \$50.00 per person, which is a savings of \$110.00 over the normal rod fee. Thank you, Mike and Diane, for offering such a great deal to our Club members. There are some huge trout at Pronghorn. It is a favorite fishing spot for Denny Richards and has been lauded by Jim Teeny. If you want an opportunity to fish this lake at a bargain price, with the opportunity of catching some large fish, be prepared to sign up at the March 17th meeting with make a check payable to KCFC for the rod fee. For further information, contact Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com.



AUCTION NEWS

This year's KCFC fundraising auction will be held during the April 21st regular Club meeting. The auction committee has been planning for this ever since they closed the books on last year's auction, and they hope the 2015 event will be every bit as fun and successful!

The committee is always looking for interesting things to include. Any ideas? Remember that KCFC now has 501(c)3 status. That means that the value of any item you might donate to the auction can be written off on your taxes. Think about it! If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Lois Krueger, Auction Chair, at 541 539-1555 or lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com.



ELECTIONS COMING IN MAY

The biennial election of KCFC officers and Board members will occur at the May 19th regular Club meeting. A slate of nominees is being prepared by Nominations Chair Dick Siemens and his committee.

According to KCFC bylaws, no nominations will be taken from the floor at the May meeting. If you would like to have your name added to the list, or if you would like to nominate someone for an office, please notify Dick or Club Secretary, Terri Twyman before May 5, 2015. (Please do check with the person you are nominating to make sure they want to be on the ballot!)

You may reach Dick at resiemens@centurytel.net or Terri at melterhowdy1@q.com.

PEG EDWARDS RECEIVES AWARD

At the February meeting, Peg Edwards, our KCFC Treasurer, was awarded the newly created “Richard Winter Distinguished Service Award.” The award, named after our founding father, was presented to Peg by six KCFC Presidents. Peg has served our Club tirelessly, as Treasurer, Raffle Chair, Social Committee member, and as a cheerful volunteer for any other job that needs doing at the moment! Please be sure to congratulate Peg on jobs well done and an award well deserved!



That evening, the second Richard Winter Distinguished Service Award was presented to Madge Winter for her efforts in helping to organize our Club over forty years ago. Thank you, Madge! We wouldn't be here without you!

KCFC OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2015

Jim Ricks, Outings Chair, has shared this list of upcoming KCFC plans. If you would like to sponsor an outing, please contact Jim at 541-205-3274 or email: mtnestinor@gmail.com.

DATE	LOCATION	STREAM KEEPER	PHONE #	EMAIL
April 1- 6, '15	Pyramid Lake	Bob Gregory	541-884-0092	
Apr 12, '15	Pronghorn Ranch	Dale Zemke	714-349-5129	dale_zemke@yahoo.com
Late Apr 2015	Shoalwater Bay	Mark Kelley	541-883-1850	kellyme6@aol.com
May 15, '15	Diamond Lake	Doug Barnes	909-754-2326	dougbarnes@yahoo.com
June 2015	Juanita Lake	Thomas Whittemore	541-274-0594	waterouzel16@yahoo.com
Summer?	TBD	Jim Ricks	541-205-3274	mtnestinor@gmail.com
Sept 2015?	Medicine Lake, CA	John Staunton	541-884-9627	jjstaunton@charter.net
TBD	TBD	Marshal Moser	541-880-4629	marshalmoser@gmail.com
TBD X3	Upper Williamson	John Hyde	541-783-3008	yamsiranch@hughes.net

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

This year's KCFC Progressive Raffle features as the prize a Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat, valued at \$1,750.00. The prize package includes boat, seat, oars, cargo storage, anchor system, double action air pump, and carrying bag.



**Raffle tickets sell for \$5.00 each
or 5 for \$20.00!**

We are selling 300 tickets and when they are sold, we will draw the name of the lucky winner. They can be bought by anyone, so give some as gifts or get your friends, relatives or fishing buddies to purchase tickets.



TIPS AND TRICKS, by John Hyde

RELEASING FISH

By following a few simple rules you can be certain that released fish will live to be caught again. A released fish that appears unharmed when released may not survive if not handled carefully.



1. **BE QUICK.** This is of the essence. Play and release fish as rapidly as possible. A fish out of water cannot live for more than three or four minutes because of rain damage due to lack of oxygen. A fish played for too long may be too exhausted to recover.
2. **KEEP THE FISH IN THE WATER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.** A fish out of water is suffocating and, in addition, is many times heavier. It may pound itself fatally if allowed to flop on the beach or rocks. Even a few inches of water under a thrashing fish acts as a protective cushion.
3. **BE GENTLE HANDLING THE FISH.** Keep your fingers out of the gills. Do not squeeze small fish; they can be lifted easily by holding the lower lip. Nets are helpful, provided the net does not become tangled in the gills. Hooks and flies catching in nets may delay releasing, so keep the net in the water.
4. **UNHOOK QUICKLY.** Remove the hook as rapidly as possible with long-nosed pliers unless the fish is deeply hooked. If deeply hooked, cut the leader and leave the hook in the fish. Do not tear out hooks roughly; be gentle and quick. Fish may die from shock from tearing a hook out. A freely bleeding fish should be killed for the pan.
5. **REVIVE THE FISH.** Some fish, especially after a long struggle, may lose consciousness and float belly up. Always hold the fish upright, headed upstream. Move it forwards and backwards so the water runs through the gills. This is artificial respiration for the fish. When it revives, begins to struggle and can swim normally, let it go to survive and challenge another fisherman. You have done your job well.
6. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is neither advisable nor required on trout!

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Barr Emerger BWO (blue wing olive)

John Barr created this pattern in 1975 while fishing upon the Nelson's Spring Creek in Montana. According to John Barr, this pattern was created to imitate the adult insect creeping out of the nymphal shuck. John developed his emerger pattern based upon the appearance of these partially developed duns to imitate both the PMD and BWO mayflies. I would say that the BWO version is the most popular variation, and is the one I fish most often in Oregon. John uses both a TMC 2488 larvae type hook and a dry version using a TMC 101. One of the attributes of this pattern is that the trout do not seem to shy away from it after it has been used a number of times. I typically fish the Barr Emerger as I would any nymph. They are quick, easy to tie and use. My favorite size is #16 & #18 on the TMC 2488 hook (with bead) and size #16 on the TMC 101 hook without the bead.



Recipe

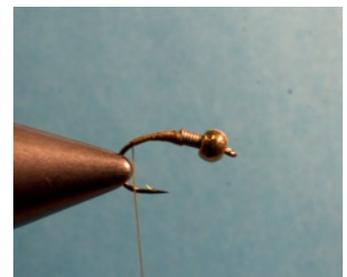
Hook: TMC 2488 Size #14-24
 Bead: Tungsten and sized to hook
 Thread: 70 Denier - Olive Ultra Thread
 Tail: Brown Spade Hackle Fibers
 Abdomen: Blue Wing Olive Super Fine Dubbing
 Wingcase: Dark Dun Spade Hackle Fibers
 Thorax: Grey Muskrat or Beaver Dubbing
 Legs: Leftover tips of wingcase fibers

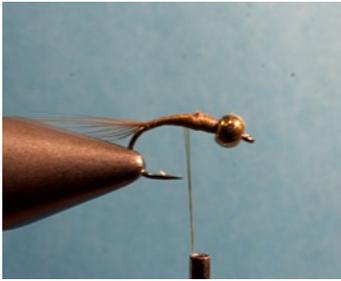
Instructions:



Put the tungsten bead on the hook and slide it up to the hook eye. Make 8-10 turns of .15 lead free solder along the shank. Break off the solder wraps and shove it into the back of the bead.

Start the tying thread right behind the bead and wrap back to the bend, forming a tapered thread base.





Peel about ten or twelve fibers from the brown spade hackle and place them at the bend of the hook. Wrap forward from the bend over the butt ends of the hackle fibers to the sixty percent point on the shank.

Dub the thread with blue wing olive Super Fine dubbing and form a tapered abdomen from the base of the tails to the seventy-five percent point on the shank. Wrap the thread so it overlaps onto the front of the dubbed abdomen back to the sixty percent point.



Peel a dozen or so fibers off of the dun feather and tie them in by their butt ends at the front of the abdomen. Wrap over the butt ends to smooth out the base and clip any remaining butts off flush.

Dub the thread with the dark grey dubbing (think thin) and begin wrapping it to form the thorax of the fly.



Pull the dun hackle fibers forward over the top of the thorax, forming the wingcase, and tie them down.



Pull half of the remaining tips of the wingcase fibers back along the far side of the hook. Pull half of the remaining tips of the wingcase fibers back along the far side of the hook.

Build a smooth thread head and whip finish. Trim the legs so they are equal in length to the wingcase.



COMPLETED FLY



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

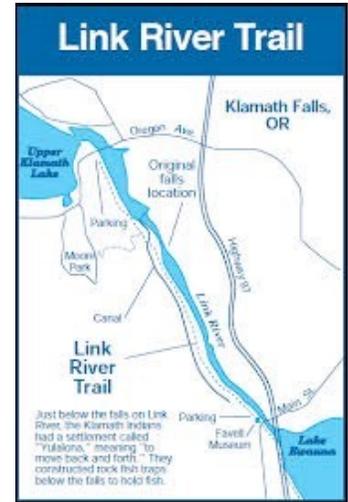


HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Link River Fair will be held on May 30th from 10 am until 3 pm. Our Club will have an informational booth just off the Link River Trail. We need volunteers to be geared up in waders, boots, vests, etc., to demonstrate fly casts in the Link River, or to staff the booth to answer questions about our Club and to encourage people to attend our Casting Clinic at Moore Park on the 6th of June.

Many informational booths will be stationed by a diverse number of organizations. It was a surprisingly interesting event two years ago when it was last held. This year's fair should be well worth attending, and it likely will be, since it is a free event. For more information, contact Dale Zemke, dale_zemke@yahoo.com, or Patrick Stroup, pastorstroup@aol.com. A signup sheet will be available at the March 17th meeting.



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