



# NEWSLETTER

## “Fishing the Rogue”

*with James Sampsel*



### Calendar

February 14 or 15: Eggs to Fry

February 21: Club meeting with James Sampsel

February 28: Fly Tying Roundtable

March 10-11: Fly Tying Expo in Albany

March 21: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood

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**Have you paid your dues? Please do!**

Our February 21st Club meeting features a local guide with an intriguing biography.

James Sampsel grew up in the foothills around Missoula, Montana, where he learned his love for the outdoors. At the age of 5, James began his life-long journey as an angler. At age 8, being asked by his father the question we all received, “James, what do you want to be when you get older?” his response was, “a professional fisherman, an artist, and a musician.” Today it is safe to say that James has become all of those.

James’ rich desire to connect others to the outdoors has lead him on a continual adventure exploring the natural world as a river guide. Getting his feet wet in Maupin, Oregon, James grew an unbreakable affinity to the almighty wild steelhead. For the last ten years and counting, James has been navigating the Pacific Northwest’s cold waters in search of this illusive fish.

Well versed in the art of two-handed casting techniques, and with 25 plus years of chasing wild fish, you will be certain to “catch” James’ infectious energy toward the rivers he loves and the magical creatures that call those waters home.

Please join us at Elmer’s at 6:00 for dinner on Tuesday, February 21st. James’ program will begin around 7:00.

See you there!

*above photo from [fishingontherogue.com](http://fishingontherogue.com)*

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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](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)

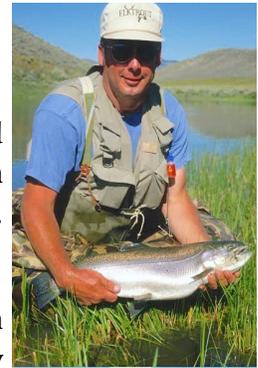
## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

First of all a big thank you to the Club members who helped teach fly tying and casting at the annual PLAY event at the fairgrounds. I did not hear a number on how many kids were there, but we were very busy all day. Even though very busy, we had a lot of fun.

Oregon has one of the best fly fishing/fly tying expos put on by the IFFF. Plan on attending; there are classes on all aspects of fly fishing, vendors with any fly fishing or tying item you need (with special prices not uncommon), many tiers all day tying most any kind of fly that you would ever use. The Expo is at the fairgrounds in Albany on March 10-11. If you have any questions about the expo, contact Dale Zemke. Dale is our Club representative with the Oregon chapter of the IFFF and he is the education chairman for the Expo.

We have had a cold snowy winter, but hopefully some of you have still got in some fishing. If you have, tell us about it at our next meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. We have another good program lined up

Dick



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There will be great programs and outings for KCFC in 2017. Invite a friend to come to a meeting and introduce them to our fly fishing community!



## EDITORIAL CHANGE

After seven years of editing the Club newsletter, it is time for a fresh voice to take over. I am pleased to announce that, as of the March 2017 issue, Dale Zemke will be our new Editor! Dale is well on top of the pertinent news, the fishing community, and has great computer skills as well. He will make a terrific Editor! I can't wait to see his upcoming editions!

The email address, [kcfnews@gmail.com](mailto:kcfnews@gmail.com), will stay with the job and will therefore transfer to Dale. If you need to contact me, please use my personal address, [meadows.carolann@gmail.com](mailto:meadows.carolann@gmail.com).

Thank you all for your kind words over the years. I have truly enjoyed being Editor, and your support has been wonderful!

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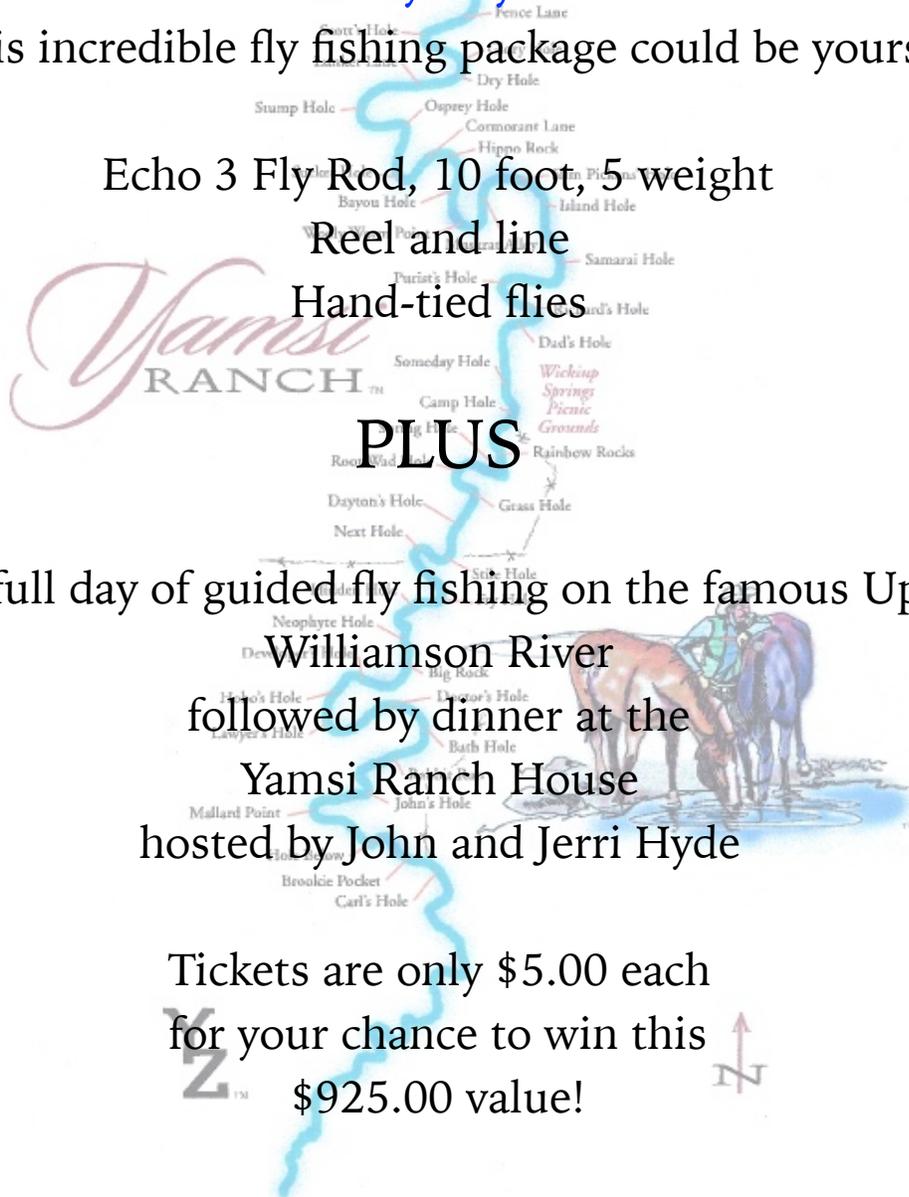
hosted by John and Jerri Hyde

Tickets are only \$5.00 each

for your chance to win this

\$925.00 value!

Proceeds benefit local conservation efforts



Invite a friend to join KCFC! Dues are still only \$35.00 for two voting members in the same family!

## EGGS TO FRY CLASSROOM PROGRAM

As it appears right now, during the week of February 13th, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. It is anticipated it will occur on either Tuesday the 14th or Wednesday the 15th.



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 observe trout eggs hatching and growing to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. This year, KCFC will deliver eggs to 19 classrooms in 12 schools as well as to the Klamath YMCA and Library.

We plan to meet at about 8:00 AM on the morning of the scheduled delivery date for breakfast at Elmer's (courtesy of the Club), at which time we will provide the eggs and any other materials that a particular classroom may need.

The feedback from the volunteers after deliveries in past years has 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, contact our Club Coordinator, Dale Zemke at 714 349-5129 or [dale\\_zemke@yahoo.com](mailto:dale_zemke@yahoo.com). or advise our Education Chairman, John Krueger at [jk@timfliesoutfitters.com](mailto:jk@timfliesoutfitters.com), or 541 539-1505.



*Happy Valentine's Day!*



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## 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.



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](mailto:lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com)) or Dale Zemke ([dale\\_zemke@yahoo.com](mailto: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!



### Fly Tyer Schedule

The tyer schedule has been posted on the website and can be found here - <https://goo.gl/Om5Izb>. There are many great tyers that will be attending this year.

### Classes

One of the main attractions at the Expo are the classes that are offered. The classes are on the website and can be ordered now. Hurry as the classes have limits to the number of participants.

Friday View - <https://goo.gl/qSfoJW>

Saturday View - <https://goo.gl/BQxRdi>

### Reception Dinner

A reception dinner will be held on Friday night this year. This special dinner only costs \$5.00 to attend and has a limited number of tickets. You can purchase your ticket here - <https://goo.gl/Fe8ITV>. The Friday reception dinner will replace the Saturday banquet. There will be an auction at the reception dinner. There will also be a special fly box raffle - more details later. There are also options to purchase packages that include raffle tickets and reception dinner tickets at a discount here - <https://goo.gl/WY1UEz>.

### Volunteers

The Expo would not be possible without volunteers. Please consider signing up to be a volunteer for part of the Expo. The signup is online - <https://goo.gl/iP5GTS>. All volunteers will receive Free Entrance to the Expo for both days, Expo Pin, 2 Beverage Tickets & 2 Raffle Tickets, a \$30.00 value.

## SPRAGUE RIVER CLOSES TO ALL FISHING MONDAY, JANUARY 23

The Sprague River near Klamath Falls will close to all fishing from January 23 through April 21, 2017. The ODF&W announced the emergency regulation in order to protect spawning redband trout from the stress and mortality associated with fishing pressure and handling.

The redband trout spawning in the Sprague River spend much of their lives in Upper Klamath Lake and move into the river, up to 91 miles (one way), to spawn. Fish then return to the lake to recondition and most will spawn again, some up to six times. According to Bill Tinniswood, ODF&W fish biologist, the fish tend to spawn in highly concentrated areas, making them very susceptible to fishing pressure.

Traditionally, the river had been closed to fishing after October 31 to protect spawning fish. However, in order to increase fishing opportunity the river was opened to year-round fishing in 2014. According to Tinniswood, the expanded season on the Sprague was made with the understanding that if fishing pressure increased too much on the spawning areas, the new regulations would be re-considered.

“We thought the spawning areas would be protected because the surrounding private property would limit access,” Tinniswood said. Instead, fishing for these spawning trout has become an increasingly popular fishery.

“The way people have been pounding on these spawners is similar to “buck fever” in hunting,” Tinniswood said. Interviewed anglers have reported catching over a hundred spawning trout during the spawning season that began in November, he added.

Redband trout are on the state’s Sensitive Species List, and there are several genetically unique populations that spawn in the Sprague. Tinniswood anticipates that future regulations will again prohibit fishing after October 31 in order to protect these fish.

“These fish and their offspring are the future of the Upper Klamath Lake and Williamson River trophy trout fisheries,” he said.

## P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS REPORT

As President Dick Siemens mentioned in his message on page 3, this year’s P.L.A.Y. Outdoors event was quite a success. From the moment the doors opened to the public, until they closed, we had children at our table tying flies and taking their first attempts at casting a fly rod.

A special occurrence was the repeat visit of one particular little girl. Her grandmother said that she had tied a fly with Jack Meadows last year and was hoping he would be there again this year to tie another with her. It turns out that she took her fly home last January, saved it until summer, and proceeded to catch an 8 pound trout with it! Needless to say, Jack was pleased to tie with her again and wished her even more success!



## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### THE ICE STIMULATOR

The stimulator is one of those patterns that does not necessarily denote a specific fly, but more an arrangement of patterns to use with differing color variations. Without a doubt, it is one of the most attractive dry fly patterns invented. The stimulator can be used effectively from early spring through summer and into the fall as it effectively imitates a number of winged insects. Tied in sizes 10 to 16 (tan or orange dressing), stimulators can be an excellent October caddis imitation. Tied in sizes 4-10 (yellow, orange or brown dressing), stimulators are hard to beat as stonefly patterns.



Because the stimulator is so buoyant, it works great in broken or fast water, as well as in freestone streams. I have fished it for 18-inch cutthroats on the Yellowstone, and 6-inch brook trout in mountain streams throughout the west—and the fish seem to love it everywhere. It’s also a great indicator fly for when you want to fish a nymph as a dropper.

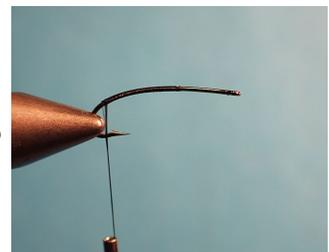
The stimulator fly pattern should be fished using standard dry-fly presentations. Upstream-and-across presentations with frequent line mends should be your first approach at fishing long runs or rifles.

#### Recipe:

- HOOK: TMC 200R Size # 8 - #16
- THREAD: Black 70 Denier
- TAIL: Natural Elk hair or deer hair
- HACKLE: Brown for rear of body – Grizzly for front of body
- BODY: Golden yellow Ice dubbing for body (Spirit River)  
Orange Ice dubbing for head (Spirit River)
- WING: Natural Elk hair or deer hair

#### Instructions:

Place your hook in the vice and attach the thread to the hook. Wrap the thread to rear of the hook.



Select a small clump of deer or fine elk hair. Clean out the under fur and stack the tips of the hair. Tie the tail on to the hook shank at the point above the hook barb.

Attach a brown hackle to the back of the hook shank at the point above the hook barb.



Wrap a fine noodle of golden yellow Spirit River Ice dubbing on to the tying thread. Wrap the dubbing forward to about the 2/3 mark of the hook. Leave plenty of room for the wing and the thorax.



Palmer the brown hackle on the abdomen to the 2/3 mark.

Take a small lump of deer or elk hair and stack it to even out the ends. Attach it to the top of the hook taking care not to let it flare. Pinch the hair tightly between your fingers. Make two soft loops followed by a couple of tight wraps to bind it down tightly in place. Trim the butts of the hair in a taper to the eye of the hook and wrap the thread over the hair.



Attach the grizzly rooster feather at the base of the wing. Smooth out the thorax with the tying thread in preparation to add the dubbing.

Form a good sized thorax for the fly by loosely dubbing Spirit River Orange Ice dubbing on to the tying thread. Keep the dubbing a bit loose so that the grizzly hackle will sink into the dubbing securing it in place.



Wrap the grizzly hackle forward in a palmering fashion with 3 to 4 wraps. Tie off the hackle and trim the excess feather.



Complete a whip-finish and trim the thread from the hook. Place a drop of head cement on the fly.



Finished Fly



Top View



Bottom View

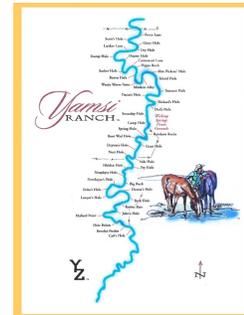
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Created by artist William Herrick for Big Sky Carvers, this screen features 3 24" panels and stands about 7' tall. The panels depict a bookcase with fly rods, reels and a creel. The frame is quarter-sawn oak and the panels are likely maple.

Contact Jerry Robillard at 541 783-0932, 425 359-1005 or [jerryrobillard@me.com](mailto:jerryrobillard@me.com)



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THANK YOU to all the wonderful Club members who have paid their dues! Even though dues are still only \$35.00 (and that's for a two-person family membership!), each member who pays helps so much toward the Club booking top-rate speakers for our programs, as well as helping our stated goals of education and conservation. Again, THANK YOU!

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do! Our Club fiscal year runs September - August, so dues were due long ago. We really need YOUR help!



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