



# Klamath Country Fly Casters

February 2024



Along the banks of Agency Lake

## Presidents Message

It is the time of year where people are heading out to their favorite steelhead streams. I have been fishing local waters and choosing to stay inside more where it is warm and where I can sit at my bench and tie up some patterns. Sunday (2/4) I went fishing with a club member, Luis, on the Link River. It snowed on us, yet it was a good day. I would rather spend my days outside enjoying the outdoors, even though it was a bit cold and we went fishless. We were able to see Klamath Falls...yes we do have falls. The falls come cascading down a set of boulders. We plan on going back to check it out, rod in hand, when the weather warms up. The water temperature was estimated to be in the high 30s. It is always good to get out and fish. This month's guest speaker is Steven Day. He is going to present on the Rogue River—how to rig, and where to fish for steelhead and trout. It will be a very informative meeting. One you would not want to miss. Due to the warming weather Klamath Lake is open and one can use the public access put in at Rocky Point. I hear big trout are still in the area. On another note the Albany Oregon Enclave at the fairgrounds in Albany will be opening on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I have found the enclave very inspiring, informative, practical, and fun. I look forward to seeing you there. Peter





Upper Klamath Lake

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# STEPHEN DAY



## February's Special Speaker

For Steve, fly fishing became an obsession while living in Bishop, California as a rancher and a Police Officer. Thirty years in the “Heart of the Eastern Sierra” provided endless opportunities for fly fishing and good stewardship of the planet. During this time, Steve spent over a decade working with the California Department of Fish and Game on numerous fish and wildlife projects and studies.

Now, an eighteen-year resident rancher of the Rogue valley, Steve’s enthusiasm for fly fishing has continued. His passion, experience, and knowledge, has provided opportunities for him to give back. He serves as a volunteer with ODFW on fisheries studies, programs and restoration projects and Steve routinely provides education and instruction by way of presentations and clinics.

Steve is the past President of the Rogue Flyfishers in Medford where he is still an active member. He is also a member and involved with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers in Grants Pass as well as the Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers in Roseburg. Steve currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Rogue River Watershed Council located in Central Point.

The Rogue River is Steve’s Home Water. He will talk about the River, the seasons and the River’s personalities, the fish, and the strategies to make the best of the opportunities this historic river can provide. Peter



## KCFC Having Fun with P.L.A.Y. at the Fairgrounds

P.L.A.Y. Outdoors is an acronym for “Promoting Lifelong Activities for You” Outdoors. This year it was held at the Klamath County Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 20, 2024. A group of KCFC club members went to the event to teach children and adults alike how to tie flies. It sounds like it was a fun event with positive results! Here is a write up from Greg who was there with the club:

*“Thanks everyone for your assistance with the P.L.A.Y. event. We had a report that there were over 700 kids and 600 adults who attended the event.*

*The Klamath Country Fly Casters were a hit with all of the tying stations occupied for most of the 5 hour event.*

*Special thanks to John K. who set up the tables and chairs and had his personal vices available to use. He also made sure we had sufficient tying materials to last the day.*

*Thanks to all of you! I had several positive comments from the organizers who want us to return next year.*

*Please let me know if you have suggestions to improve the experience for the kids. I found it interesting that I had kids aged 4 to 18 with a lot of younger kids this year.*

*Thank you so much. This is a group effort that we together pulled off with flying colors.”*

Greg





**Thank you Mel and Terri Twyman for the Photos!**

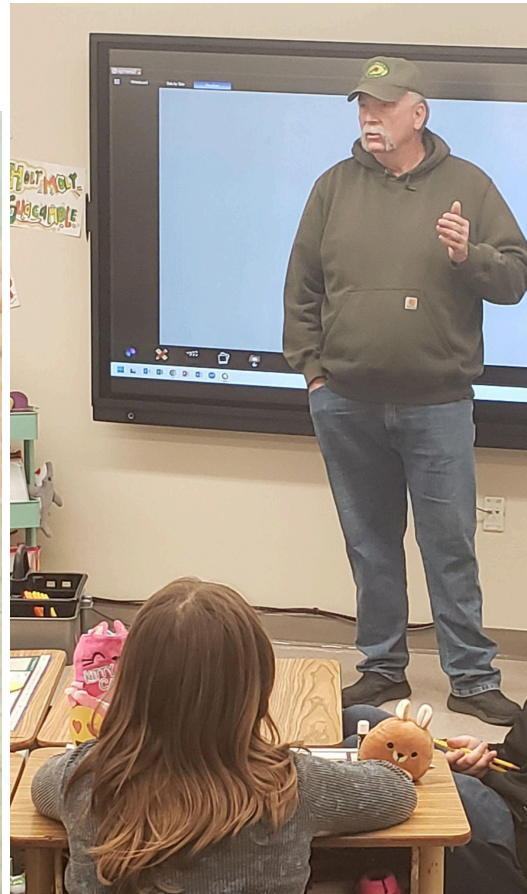
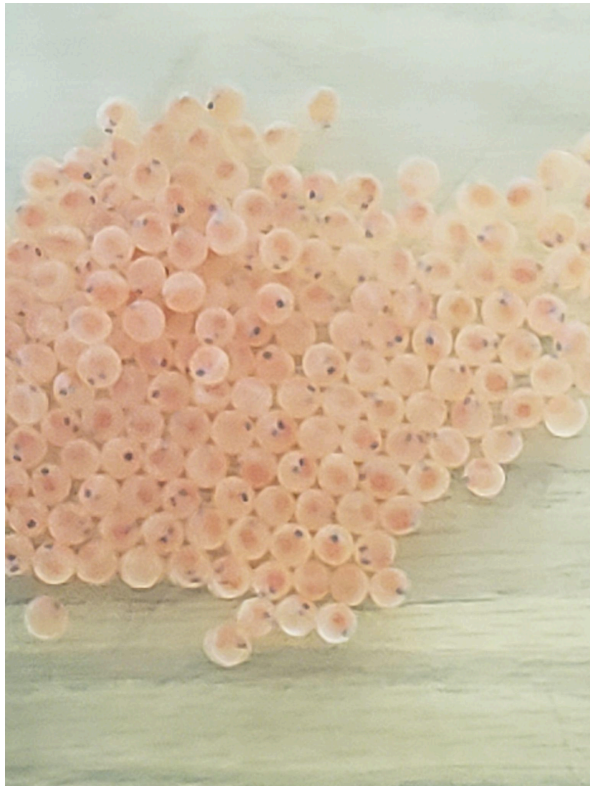


## Fish Eggs to Fry

Nope, this isn't the recipe page! This is the name of a program put on by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for children in the schools. The kids learn about the life cycle of Salmon, Trout and Steelhead, and raise them right in the classroom starting with the fish eggs. Weeks later, the children will go on a field trip and release the one inch long fish in a creek, stream or river.

Mel and Terri Twyman did a presentation for the program at Petersen School on January 24. Mel said, "Those Third Graders are too smart!"

It's a great program for introducing children to the history and biology of fish.



# Klamath Country Fly Casters

## Officers and Committees

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### **Executive Board:**

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## **About the Klamath Country Fly Casters**

### **The KCFC Mission Statement:**

We the Klamath Country Fly Fishers, 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, 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 Through May, at 6:00pm. The group meets in the banquet room of the Waffle Hut which is at 106 Main Street, Klamath Falls, OR.

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

Contact us at [kcflycasters@gmail.com](mailto:kcflycasters@gmail.com) for additional information.



## Meeting Calendar:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Speaker/Host</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 12, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	Bill Tinniswood <i>Angling Potential in Local Waters</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 14, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant



Joel Brain and Daisy, Sand Creek Ranch, 2023

## **A Thank You to Dale Zemke**

I have never met Dale Zemke face to face yet, but I have gotten to know him over the last few weeks through emails and texts as he has walked me through the process of writing the newsletter, putting it up on the internet, and emailing it off to club members.

I am new to the club and even fairly new to fly fishing, so this is going to be an adventure with lots to learn on the river and right here on my computer.

Thank you everyone for your patience as I try to do the impossible of stepping into Dale's shoes!

And thank you so much for your help Dale, it has been invaluable. I hope we get to meet someday!

Laurie Jo Brain



“The A Stretch of the Green River in the Flaming Gorge near Dutch John, Utah. We brought over 30 fish to the boat before noon - did not bother counting anymore after that. An outstanding day of fishing.”

-Dale B Zemke