

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

November 2023 Edition

Hi everyone. It's been a great year with a strong closing. A warm acknowledgment to Tom Hyde for coming up with the idea to have a sponsor day on the Williamson River—Yamsi Ranch. This Occurred on Wednesday October 25. We increased our membership by ten new club members. The manner of how sponsor day worked: members of the club invited people they knew who have an interest in fly fishing to come fish the upper Williamson on the Yamsi Ranch. Their cost was free. Members sponsored their prospective members by paying \$100.00 (the member's day use fee) to the ranch. \$35.00 was taken out for the prospective person's membership. The rest of the money (\$65.00) was paid to the Yamsi Ranch. The Hyde family donated all of the proceeds back to the club—thank you John, Jerry, Tom, and LeeAnn and all of those wonderful people who I unknowingly left out for your charity and ongoing support of our club. Let's do some basic math. Ten people at \$100.00 is \$1,000.00. Less \$350.00 for membership fees, the club received \$650.00. The fishing was really good.

On another note I have fished on the Klamath River below Iron Gate Reservoir. Although salmon fishing on the Klamath was closed the amount of King salmon in the river was incredible. Wow. We, AC Fly Fishing guide Bucko Therio and me, were fishing for steelhead. We were able to bring many steelhead to the net—fun. I also fished Diamond Lake and the Yamsi Ranch. The fishing has been very good. I'm hoping many of my fellow club members have taken advantage of the rivers and lakes in the area. We are blessed to live in one of the best areas for fishing.

Our next speaker, scheduled to present the 14th of November, is Denny Rickards. Denny has been guiding for the last 35 years, is very well known throughout the western United States, and is easily considered one of the best guides in the basin. He will be presenting on 'Stillwater Fly Fishing.'

Tight Lines
Peter Eugene Calvo, PsyD

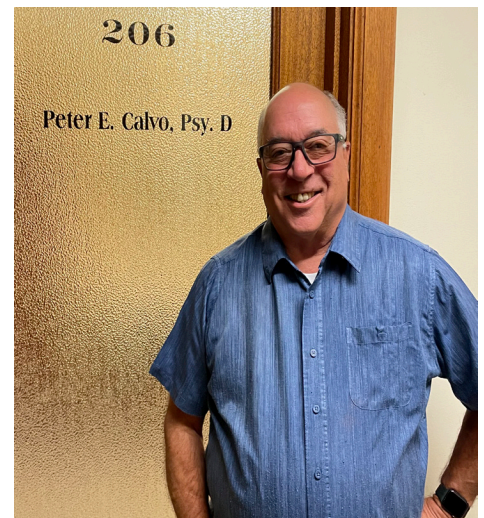


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*Overhead View - Upper Williamson River
Yamsi Ranch
Headwaters of the Williamson River*

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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
Nov 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Denny Rickards Techniques of Stillwater Fishing	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

November's Meeting Program

Denny Rickards Will be Sharing His Knowledge of Stillwater Fishing



*Denny Rickards at Pronghorn Lake Ranch
24.5lbs, 36in. caught on Black Callibaetis Nymph*

For the past thirty years Denny Rickards has had an opportunity to fish and guide anglers over some of the most challenging trophy trout waters in the Western United States. His simplistic approach and techniques on presentation have accounted for browns over 20 pounds, cutthroats to 15 pounds and rainbows in excess of 16 pounds.

Over 250 days a year are spent doing what he loves best: guiding, writing, tying flies, conducting fly fishing schools, and field testing developing tackle manufacturer's products.

As a professional fly tier, his suggestive patterns have appeared in various outdoor magazines and are on display at Cushners Fly Fishing Museum in Florence, Oregon. Based on past reviews, his books and companion videos are now considered the "bibles" for fly fishing lakes.

When he isn't fishing or guiding, many hours are spent studying trout behavior, their habitat, and the various insects found within their environment.

This knowledge and ability to teach others were a prerequisite to establishing his fly fishing schools/clinics which have become a priority for anglers seeking the ultimate from their angling experiences.



Hooked on Fish

by Dale B Zemke

Mustard-Glazed Salmon With Garden Lentils

By Ellie Krieger

Servings: 4

For the lentils

- 4 cups water
- 1 1/4 cups beluga (black) lentils, rinsed and picked over to remove any stones
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/3 cup chopped shallots (1 medium)
- 1 clove garlic, minced or finely grated
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves (or 3/4 teaspoon dried)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups lightly packed baby spinach leaves, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, quartered

For the salmon

- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Four (6-ounce) skin-on salmon fillets

Step 1

Make the lentils: In a medium pot over high heat, combine the water and lentils and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat so the water is at a simmer, then cook, uncovered, until the lentils are firmtender, about 20 minutes. Drain; you should have about 3 cups of cooked lentils.

Step 2

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the shallots and cook until softened, about 1 minute. Stir in the garlic and cook just until aromatic, 30 seconds more. Stir in the thyme, then add the lentils, lemon zest and juice, mustard, salt and pepper and stir to combine. Add the tomatoes and spinach, reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until warmed through and the spinach wilts, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Step 3

Make the salmon: In a small bowl, stir together the mustard, lemon juice, honey and pepper. Preheat a nonstick or well-oiled grill or grill pan over medium-high heat. Place the salmon, skin side up, on the grill and cook for 3 minutes. Gently turn the fillets over, skin side down, brush with the mustard glaze and cook for 3 minutes more for medium-rare, or for 5 to 6 minutes if you prefer the fish cooked through. (If you don't have a grill or a grill pan, follow the same cooking instructions using a cast-iron skillet, but add a slick of oil to the pan so the fish can sear in it.)

Step 4

Divide the lentil mixture among 4 plates, top each with a salmon fillet and serve.



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.



New Member Sponsor Day on the Williamson River at Yamsi Ranch.

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New Members in the photo above - Plus John Hyde (far right)

Dylan Baker
Joel Brain
Laurie Brain
Michael G. McCourt
Lonnie Robinson
David Wiles

New members, not included in the photo include:

Isaiah Franco
Justus Gonzales
Luis Esteban Hernandez
Heidi McCourt
Jeremy Sanders

Reminder: Membership Renewal was due on October 1st. A membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Membership is considered past due as of November 1st. It remains at \$35.00 per year for up to 2 members from same household.

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: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____



Winter Fishing

By Beth Jappay

Hi,

My name is Beth, and I'm an addict. I'm addicted to fly fishing.

I confess, after 30+ years of fly fishing I am now at the point that I can't go longer than 3 weeks without fishing or I have withdrawal symptoms. So I've had to learn to fish through the winter months (mostly stillwater). I figure this is a good time of year to pass on what I have learned about cold weather fishing.

I have learned to love fishing in the rain. For one thing, I often have the lake to myself, but I have also found that the fish are much more likely to bite. I think they feel safer from predators when it is raining, and I have sometimes caught 2-3 times as many fish as on sunny days.

One day last winter I was fishing at Blue Den lake, which is near Scio. It was cold and rainy and the water temp was 49 degrees. There were two guys who fished for about 2 hours, caught a few fish and left. I stayed for about 5 hours and caught almost a dozen. Am I hardier? I doubt it. I think I was just better equipped.



I have learned from personal experience that the key to comfort is warm feet. About 25 years ago I joined an April lake fishing trip in Montana with Denny Rickards and Jay Fair. The trip involved standing in thigh-deep water while there was still snow on the ground, casting for hours to cruising fish. I bought a pair of neoprene boot-footed waders on their strong recommendation. My assigned roommate did not, using her usual neoprene stocking-footed waders instead. She ended up spending half of her fishing time warming up in the rental car, whereas I was able to fish for hours comfortably.

Winter Fishing (Cont'd)

By Beth Jappay

Over the years I have found that strategies to keep my feet warm were more effective in keeping me comfortable than wearing up to five layers elsewhere. Neoprene boot footed waders are the best way of keeping feet warm. Keep in mind that most neoprene boot-footed waders in the stores are rubber-soled duck hunting waders. They are fine if you are going to strap on flippers, but for wading, felt-soled waders are better. However I stillwater fish from my pontoon with scuba fins and scuba boots and have had to come up with a different solution, which I can summarize in two words: electric socks.

25 years ago I bought (for that same trip) my first pair of electric socks. They ran on 2 D batteries, and had wires that ran down the legs. These days electric socks have small rechargeable lithium batteries and multiple warmth settings. Unfortunately, I am finding myself buying a new pair every year; fortunately the technology continues to improve. I bought my first modern pair 5 years ago. They even had a remote control (which didn't work with my waders as a barrier) but I found the battery only lasted 3 hours on the medium setting.

The next year I bought a pair with a stronger battery (Action Heat 5V). I was anticipating I would be able to fish longer, but was disappointed that I only had about an extra hour of warmth. I also discovered that the button controller on the outside of the calf could be pushed when my leg bumped against my pontoon. I would shift around in my pontoon and suddenly one foot would get overly hot, or one foot would get cold and I would later find that I had accidentally shut the sock off. Then they accidentally went through the wash, and the left sock stopped working. I decided to make the best of the situation, though--extra batteries! I fished the rest of the year with the first year's sock on my left foot, and the second year's sock on the right. Half way through my day I would get off the water, pull down my waders and change my batteries. Yes, that felt almost as weird as it sounds, but it worked.

The next year I discovered those lithium batteries weren't working anymore, and upgraded to a Volt 3.7V sock liner with a supplemental battery, which I found gave 6-8 hours of warmth on the low-medium setting. I used them with a pair of woolen sock liners underneath and with thick Alpaca socks on top, and the combination worked great.

This past winter Shandy talked me into adding a battery-warmed vest liner. The one I ended up buying has bluetooth and allows adjustment of heating on the phone app. It cracks me up that one of the heating options is for a dog.

Needing new socks, I went with the same brand and though I am happy with the battery's duration, I was disappointed that the socks could not be adjusted on my phone as well.

If you are looking to buy battery-warmed apparel, I recommend you check out TheWarmingStore.com.

When I fish in my pontoon I have a large dry bag, in which I keep multiple options of clothing, and when I find I'm getting a little chilled (despite my expedition-weight wool base layer) I next reach for a warm hat. I love, love, love the sheepskin hat my mother gave me four years ago. It is probably 3 times warmer than a wool cap.

Winter Fishing (Cont'd)

By Beth Jappay

Also in my dry bag I keep:

Year-round:

- K-100 hand pump
- wool sweater
- fleece neck warmer
- Leatherman tool
- lighter
- temporary patch made from Flex Tape
- tube of Aqua Seal
- Life Straw
- Kleenex pack
- sunscreen.

Winter:

- sheepskin hat
 - 3 pairs of gloves, including a wool mitten-glove and a neoprene kayaking glove
 - packable down vest or down jacket
 - chemical hand warmers
 - Spare pair of wool socks
- Summer:
- packable raincoat
 - fingerless gloves

The last thing I find very helpful to keep me warm on a cold day is to sip on something warm. I keep two thermoses on my pontoon-one with mint hot chocolate and one with Tuaca-spiked hot cider.

So, don't give up on winter fishing, just get better equipped!



INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By *Ralph Carestia*

BH Featherduster Nymph



The Bead Head Featherduster nymph was developed by Wally Eagle in West Yellowstone in the 70's. He always said, "it is a fish getter". As the name says it was originally tied with a real feather duster. It is particularly effective as a Callibaetis nymph. It is also a great general mayfly nymph pattern for spring creeks and rivers.

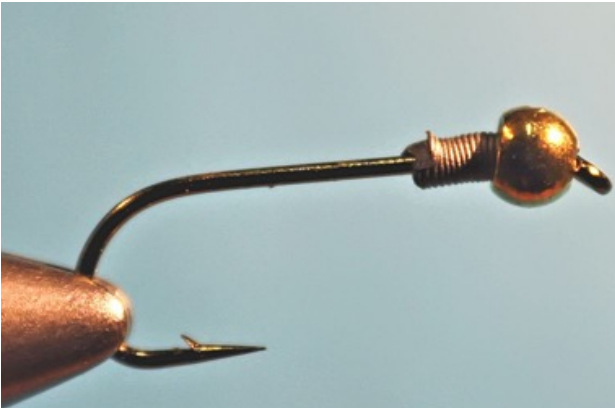
I use the Bead Head Grey Featherduster as a searching fly pattern for trout, especially when it's unclear what they're feeding on. The fly was originally designed as a Stillwater imitation, but it's excellent at fooling trout in freestone rivers such as the Madison river in Montana or Arkansas in Colorado. It is also a great pattern to use at Diamond Lake in Central Oregon. I'm certain they will work for trout elsewhere and probably catch other fish too. The ostrich herl used in the Featherduster is a great representation of the pulsating gills found on the abdomen of many mayfly species. This pattern is one of our favorite lake-Callibaetis nymphs and fishes great when weighted with a bead and slightly twitched in front of cruising trout.

Materials:

Hook:	TMC3761 & TMC3762 #10-18 2 x long nymph hooks (I prefer 2x long hooks when using a bead and regular hooks without a bead)
Bead:	Tungsten Color of choice and sized to hook
Weight:	Non Lead wire
Thread:	UTC 70 Denier, Camel color
Tail:	Pheasant tail
Rib:	Gold BR or Small ultra-wire
Abdomen:	Ostrich Herl
Thorax:	Ostrich Herl
Legs:	Pheasant Tail

BH Featherduster Nymph

Instructions:



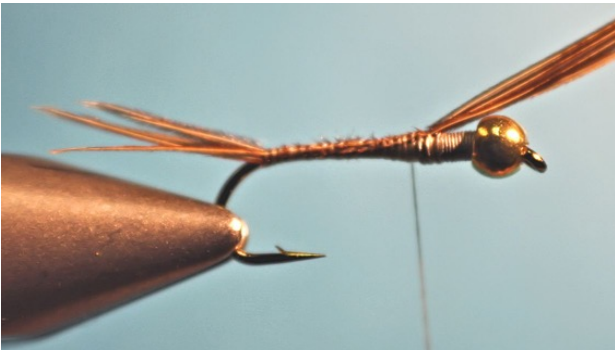
STEP 1

Put bead on hook and slide to the eye. Wrap lead onto the shank and butt it up against the bead. I put enough lead on there to take up the space where my thorax will be.



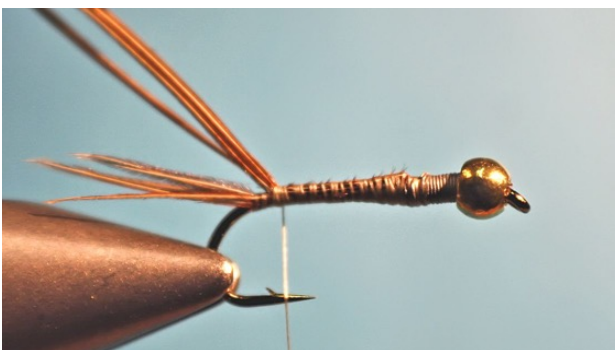
STEP 2

Cover lead with thread and create a smooth underbody.



STEP 3

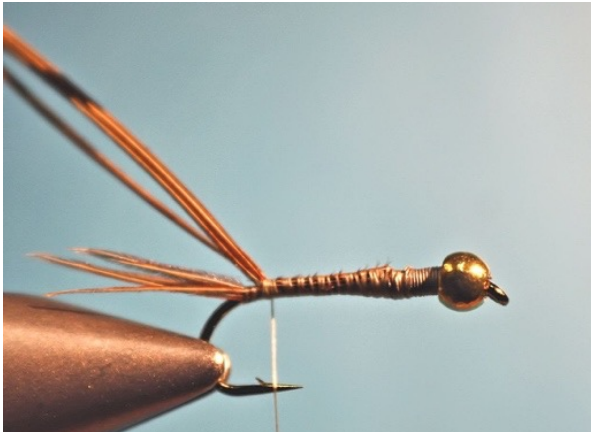
Measure some pheasant tail fibers for length and tie them in at the above the barb of the hook. Wrap forward to the back of the lead wire. I like my tails to be roughly half the length of the hook shank



STEP 4

Pull the pheasant tail fibers back over the hook and wrap to the tail.

BH Featherduster Nymph



STEP 5

Tie in a wire rib on the bottom side of the hook. I tie it in on the bottom side so that the first half wrap begins under the hook.



STEP 6

Tie in one to two Ostrich herl at the bend and bring thread to the area at the start of the thorax. Twist herls together. I try not to make this very dense.



STEP 7

Palmer the ostrich herl forward to a point where the thorax begins.

BH Featherduster Nymph



STEP 8

Pull the pheasant tail fibers back over the hook and tie in where the thorax begins.



STEP 9

Create a rib by using the gold wire to tie down the pheasant tail.



STEP 10

Measure another bunch of pheasant tail fibers (about $\frac{1}{2}$ the Gape width). The butt ends of the fibers will become the wing casing. Tie in the pheasant tail fibers



STEP 11

Tie in a few more herls, twist together, and palmer. You could twist these with the thread to reinforce the herl if you want. I like to make the thorax area a little denser than the abdomen.

BH Featherduster Nymph



STEP 12

Separate the pheasant tips, pull the butts over to form the wing case, and tie them in dividing the tips.



STEP 13

Pull one of the remaining pheasant tail fibers (3 to 4 fibers on each side) back along each side of the hook and bind it in place with a turn or two of thread. Pull down on the tying thread and tug the remaining two pheasant tail fibers that are sticking out over the hook eye toward the bend of the hook to break them off.



STEP 14

Build smooth thread head to cover the tie down are and whip finish the thread. Clip the thread. Trim the legs even with the back of the wingcase and add a drop of head cement to the thread head.



Bottom View



Top View