

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

October 2023 Edition

Heaty welcome to all. We had our BBQ Saturday (9/23). I thought it was a success. Enjoyable and warm. We had 45 people show up to our BBQ.

As summer has wound down and the cool winds of fall are upon us it is hoped members of our club have had plenty of enjoyable time on the water. I have enjoyed a number of trips this season and, at this time of year, have planned to take advantage of fish on the feed—preparing for winter. Yamsi Ranch is fishing well at this time. I fished it with Tom Hyde as guide and we had a strong day. Big fish are in the river and are catchable. We fished with beaded nymphs under an indicator...good stuff. Yes it is fly fishing. I had the opportunity to recently fish the Deschutes. Awesome day. The Deschutes offers the angler opportunity to catch plenty of reidside rainbows. One has to fish from the bank as fishing out of a boat has been outlawed; prohibited since the 1930s. I think they got it right by mandating no fishing from a boat. The guide will bring you down river, pull to a bank, and have you get out to fish. Please watch your step as I have yet to find an easy wade on the Deschutes. Many times you are jumping from boulder to boulder.

Please be aware our next guest speaker is Gary Lewis from Roseburg, Oregon. He will be presenting on salmon, trout and steelhead fishing in central and western Oregon. It will be a very good presentation.

Peter Calvo
KCFC President

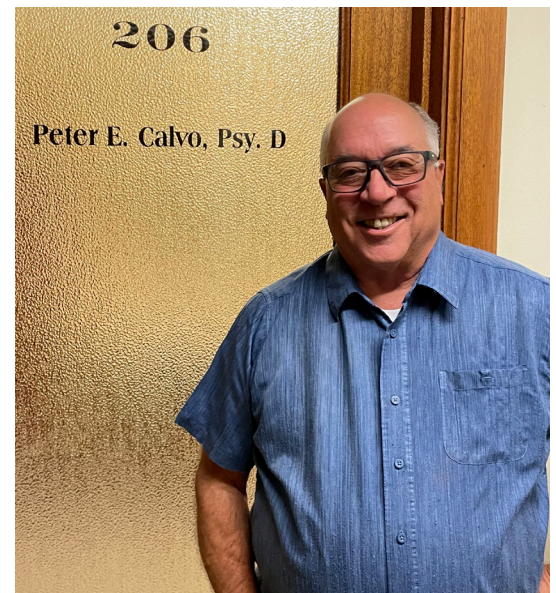


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ABOUT THE KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

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
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

October's Meeting Program

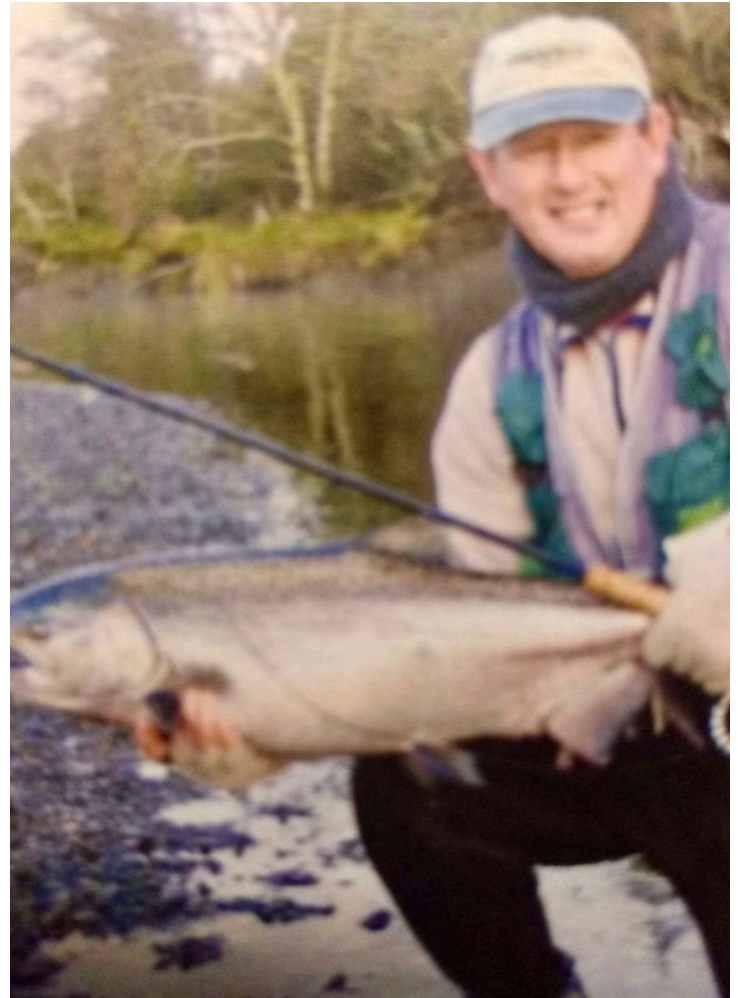
The October 10th presenter is Gary Lewis. He is well established and has been a guide for over 33 years. Peter Calvo has used Gary a number of times. Greg Bulkley fishes with him as well as Ray McClanethan.

He will present on fishing for salmon and steelhead on waters in central and western Oregon. Gary will speak to rigging and technique, as well as where to go. He fishes the Sixes, the Elk, the Umpqua and others rivers and lakes within Oregon.

Gary Lewis Guide Service is located in Roseburg Oregon which is in Southern Oregon near some of the best rivers in the Northwest like the famous North Umpqua, South Umpqua, Main Umpqua, Elk, Rouge, Sixes, Coquille, and Coos. They are the best Salmon, Steelhead, Smallmouth Bass, and Shad Rivers in Oregon.

Gary has been guiding fisherman for over 33 years. And has been featured in magazines such as American Angler, Sports A Field Fly Fishing The West, and many others. He has also appeared on ESPN, Fly Fishing America, and Brent Shore's Get The Net. Gary started fly-fishing at the age of 7 and has been tying flies and fly-fishing ever since.

Gary has some of the most professional qualified guides in the area working with him to make sure that you will have a great fishing experience.



Harry & Mary Craggs Prove it is Not Always About The Catching of Fish

Well after 8 days of driving over 1,000 miles in Yellowstone National Park and catching 1 fish, we came home. Yellowstone was beautiful and the weather was perfect. But that all wears thin when the fishing is terrible. We were fortunate to be helped by 4 really great people. First one was the camp host that went out of his way to get us an electric campsite. Second guy parked our RV for us. Third was a Oregon state trouper who pointed out we had a flat tire on our RV. He even helped put the spare tire on it for us. Last is 4 Les Schwab guys who replaced Four tires and got us on our way. They made our trip the best ever.



2023 Annual KCFC BBQ

We would like to give a big shout out and thank you to all the KCFC members and guests that came out on Saturday and enjoyed a great barbecue/potluck.

We had a few new families join the club, met some new people and it was great to see old friends that we have not seen much of over the summer fishing season.

Thank you all for coming out and supporting your Klamath Country Fly Casters Club



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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.



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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INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By Ralph Carestia

Fluttering Caddis



The undisputed champion of fishing dry flies with movement was Leonard Wright, Jr. He recognized that caddis were often more abundant than mayflies. After studying the flop and flutter of caddis emergers, Wright experimented with flies and presentations to imitate their erratic motion. He discovered that dry flies fished with movement can be more effective than those drifting freely. “Movement” is not the same as “drag”. A dragging fly is one whose movement is out of control. The current pulls the fly constantly, and it glides across the stream. An active fly is one whose movement is under control.

I remember fishing caddis dry flies on my home river (Colorado’s Arkansas River) years ago. This hatch was so different from my usual midge and baetis hatches that I would fish because everything moved so much quicker. The fish would rise quickly, the bugs would hatch quickly, and most importantly, I could skate and twitch my fly. This was a dream come true for a guy who didn’t use a fine tippet at that time and needed a LOT of work on his presentation then. One of the first fish I caught with a Fluttering Caddis was during a real caddis hatch came as I was stripping my line up stream getting ready for another cast... The lights turned on, and I spent the rest of the evening loading up my flies with floatant and twitching them across the current. Since then, I have tied lots of flies that are good at both skating and dead drifting. This pattern is no exception. The Fluttering Caddis is designed to act like a caddis that is fluttering around ready to take off or laying eggs. Anyway, tie some up, twitch them around, and catch fish.

Fluttering Caddis is specifically for active presentations. When fishing Fluttering Caddis, cast across and slightly downstream, with the fly line curving upstream. Mend the line as needed to prevent drag and to counteract intervening currents.

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 100 Dry fly, #12 – #18
Thread: 8/0 (color to match fly body)
Body: UV Fine & Dry Dubbing (match thread)
Wing: Deer or Elk Hair (in various colors)
Hackle: Rooster Saddle hackle

Instructions:



STEP 1

Lay a thread base from the eye of the hook down to the bend of the hook.



STEP 2

I use super fine dubbing in the color I will tie the fly. You want a nice tight noodle to keep the body as thin as possible. Wrap the material toward the middle of the hook building a slight taper.



STEP 3

For the wing you want to get, clean, and stack elk hair (color of your fly). Tie in the hair just so the tip of the hair is slightly past the bend of the hook. Do two loose warps on the hair before tightening it down. Cut the tag ends at an angle to create a tapered to the hooks eye.



STEP 4

Tie off the tag ends creating a nice and even taper to the eye of the hook for the hackle to be tied.



STEP 5

Select a rooster hackle the appropriate for the hooks size. I usually choose to downsize the hackle (size 16 hackle for a size 14 fly). Strip of the end about the distance you are to the eye and tie in leaving the stem slightly exposed for my first wrap. This keeps the first wrap really clean.



STEP 6

Wrap the hackle forward from the base of the wing to where I will tie off the head. I usually try to wrap five to seven turns of smooth touching wraps then secure the hackle in just before the eye of the hook.



STEP 7

Build a nice smooth head and whip finish the fly.



Top View



Bottom View



Completed Fly