

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message *by Lois Krueger*

April 2023 Edition

I'll bet you are all wondering when is this snow ever going to end....well I think we are all in the same boat and having a little cabin fever, but we all know the Klamath basin needs it more than ever and it will be well worth the wait.

Also, A big welcome to our new member, Mark Schmidt, we look forward to spending time on the water with you.

For those who attended The Fly Tyers Expo up in Albany, it was great to all be together once again. There was some new vendors and we saw some old friends too.

Mark your calendars for this months presentation, you won't want to miss hearing Rick Hafele speak. He's very informative and funny.

Our club bylaws call for the election of officers at the May meeting in odd numbered years. That means elections are right around the corner! Because the bylaws state that the Vice President will become President, we have that office filled; Peter Calvo will be your next President. Aside from that, however, all other offices and Board positions are open!

KCFC is a great group, and being a club leader is fun and rewarding. I encourage any of you, who have been longing for a chance to step up, to contact our nominating Chairman, Peter Calvo at his email: nogndr@petercalvo.com. Nominations remain open until Tuesday, May 2nd. We do not take nominations from the floor at the time of elections. Think about nominating yourself. (If you wish to nominate a friend, please be sure to check with them first!). I am positive we will have a great slate of officers and Board members to carry us forward!



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Upper Williamson River, Chiloquin, OR

Klamath Country Fly Casters

Officers and Committees

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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
April 11, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Rick Hafele	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 9, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting And Election of new Club Officers and Board of Directors	Bill Tinniswood - Where to fish and where to not bother	Waffle Hut Restaurant
June ??, 2023	Annual Casting Clinic	To Be Determined	Moore Park



Sevenmile Creek, Ft. Klamath, OR

April's Meeting Program

Caddis - What, When, and Where with Rick Hafele

Rick Hafele started fly fishing over 50 years ago, 40 of which have been focused on fishing for trout in streams and lakes throughout the west.

When he was 12, his family vacationed in Missouri and a relative took him to Bennett Springs State Park, put a fly rod in his hand, and showed him how to get the fly somewhere near the water. After about an hour a trout actually picked up his fly. And that, as they say, was that.

Rick came West to Bellingham, Washington in 1969 to attend college at Western Washington University. Bellingham is a beautiful town hemmed in by the North Cascade mountains on one side and Puget Sound on the other, with lots of rivers and streams and lakes in between. A great place for Rick to learn about trout.



In 1974, he moved to Corvallis, Oregon to attend Oregon State University where he completed a Masters degree in aquatic entomology with a minor in fisheries biology. After finishing his degree got a job in Oregon as an aquatic biologist focusing on water quality issues, first with a private consulting firm and then with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. For over 40 years he has been able to watch and study fish and the insects they eat, both professionally and with a fly rod in his hand, throughout Oregon and many other states and provinces.

For many years he has shared his knowledge about the world in which trout live with anglers through books, articles, slide shows and seminars.

At our Club's April meeting, Rick Hafele will help us understand why Caddisflies are one of the most important and often confusing groups of aquatic insects. This program gives you a close look at the major types of caddisflies with an emphasis on their behavior, pattern selection, and tactics.

While Getting Your Gear Ready for a New Season, Start Planning and Organizing Club Outings:



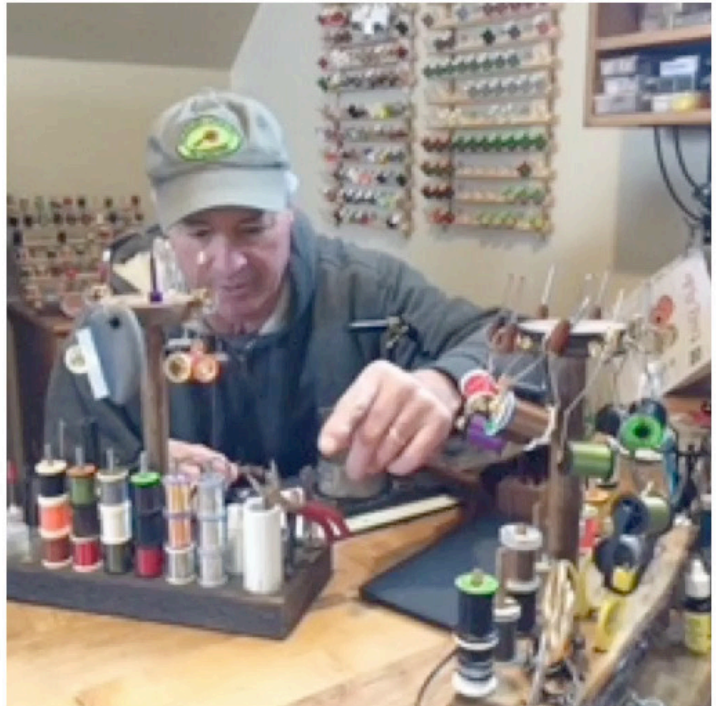
It is time to get your gear ready for the upcoming fishing season. It is also a great time to plan and schedule outings for the Spring and Summer months. The more lead time, the easier to plan and advertise the outing for potential participants. You need to pick a place, get some information about what is needed to fish that place, and give the membership a chance of going with you. Contact Lois Krueger to get the outing scheduled. If you feel a need for assistance, there are others that will be glad to give some advice and assistance.

Step up and commit to the club to go fishing – that is all you are doing, going fishing! It is that simple! If you only want to provide a suggestion of a place for an outing, contact Lois and put forward your suggestion. Outings are fun and a good way to get to know other members and attract new members.

Watch the Newsletter and the Klamath Country Fly Casters web site <https://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com> for updates and additional information and watch for outings signup sheets for future outings that may be circulated at meetings.

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: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By Ralph Carestia

Black Drake Nymph

The Black Drake hatch is a terrific mayfly hatch for fly fisherman when you catch it right. Black drakes are the first of the large burrowing nymphs to hatch in May/ June on the Williamson River and trout love to stuff themselves on these large brownish-purple mayflies! The hatches can be very dense. As they struggle and flounder on the surface trying to escape their nymphal shuck their wings look like a mess and offer trout an easy meal. These nymphs can be found in the upper Williamson River as well as other Southern Oregon trout streams.



On Southern Oregon's upper Williamson River as the daylight begins to fade these big brownish-purple mayfly nymphs will begin to crawl out of the silt and muck and wiggle their way to the surface. Once at the surface they emerge slowly and ride the water for some time before being able to fly away to the trees and shrubs nearby. For the Black Drake nymph pattern, I prefer to use a curved 2X nymph hook and a dubbing loop to make the abdomen fluffy. I like to use Ostrich Plumes for the natural's gill plates. Sizes of the fly range from #8 to #12. It is advisable to carry nymphs, emergers, and cripple patterns during this hatch. This is my pattern for the Black Drake Nymph.

The Black Drake nymph should be fished in shallow water pockets near the bank and behind rocks and logs. The "down and across" method works well in the shallow water where the nymphs have moved to crawl out of the water. Allow the fly to dead drift in the shallow water using a gentle stripping to mimic the swift darts of this excellent swimming nymph. The Black drake nymph pattern is a versatile subsurface pattern that can be fished actively (stripped) or dead drifted.

Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 Bead Head Nymph Hook, #8 – 12
Bead:	Tungsten Natural (size to match hook)
Thread:	Semperfli Brown 8/0 thread
Tail:	Brown Ringneck pheasant tail fibers
Rib:	Dark Brown Ostrich Plumes
Gills:	Dark Brown Ostrich Plumes
Body:	Blended Buggy Nymph dubbing- Brown/dyed Maroon
Overbody:	Dark brown bug Skin
Wingcase:	Dark brown bug Skin – Same as over body
Thorax:	Arizona Semi Seal Dubbing - Blood leach
Legs:	Brown Ringneck pheasant tail fibers

Black Drake Nymph

Instructions:



STEP 1

Slip a natural tungsten bead onto the hook. Wrap 10-16 turns of .015 lead-free solder and position hook in vise. Attach tying thread and wrap base layer of thread onto the rest of the hook shank.

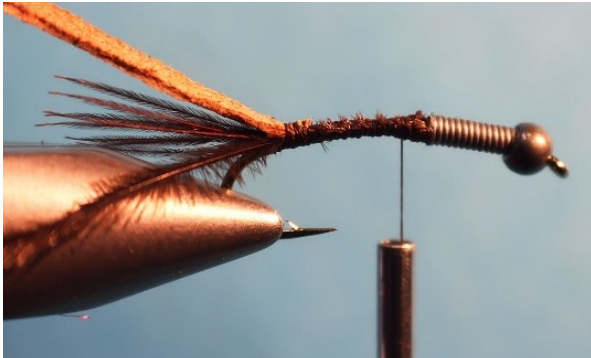
STEP 2

Select five to seven dark brown pheasant tail fiber tips and wrap them down with thread so that they extend off the back of the hook about the length of the hook gape.

STEP 3

Clip a single fiber of dark brown Ostrich fiber from the plume and wrap it down to the hook shank so that it extends just above the barb of the hook.

Black Drake Nymph



STEP 4

Cut a thin (1/8") Strip of the Dark brown bug Skin. Wrap the thread forward and back over the bug Skin to the bend of the hook, taking care to keep the bug Skin on top of the shank.



STEP 5

Twists a good amount of UV blended Brown/dyed Maroon dubbing onto the thread and then wrap the dubbing forward to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point just behind the bead.



STEP 6

Spiral wrap the Dark Brown Ostrich fiber forward over the body to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point with about 6-8 evenly spaced turns

Black Drake Nymph



STEP 7

Pull the Dark brown bug Skin forward over the body, letting it flatten out a bit as you do. Tie the Dark brown bug Skin down behind the bead with a several firm wraps of thread over the lead-free solder.



STEP 8

Cut a thin Strip (about ½ the hook gape) of the dark brown bug skin. Wrap the thread forward to form the wing case, taking care to keep the bug Skin on top of the shank.



STEP 9

Twist a good amount of UV Arizona Semi Seal Dubbing (Blood leach) dubbing onto the thread for the thorax of the fly and then wrap the dubbing forward to the eye just behind the bead.



Black Drake Nymph



STEP 10

Select two sets of six dark brown pheasant tail fibers from the quill so their tips become even. Tie each set on each side of the peacock to form the legs. Clip the excess and return the thread to the front edge behind the bead.



STEP 11

Pull the dark brown bug skin firmly forward and tie our tie wing case off tightly behind our bead. Clip the end of the as close to the bead as you can. Build a smooth thread head and whip-finish the thread.



STEP 12

Coat all the dark brown bug skin with Loon Outdoors UV Thin Clear Fly Finish. This will darken the bug skin and make it glossy.



Top View



Bottom View