



KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

December 2023 Edition

Hi All and Merry Christmas

May this time of year find you all warm, happy, and in good cheer. This is the time of year, typically, when family and friends gather near. I wish you all a warm and blessed holiday season.

As for fishing there are reports coming in of steelhead on the Rogue and Klamath Rivers which are readily being taken on the fly. Lake fishing can still be good, however, it appears the winter is setting in now and fishing lakes has reportedly slowed. Many fly fishers also enjoy tying flies. Winter has been unofficially established as the fly-tying season as many choose to stay indoors and keep warm. We are preparing to have a Christmas Dinner at the Waffle Hut on the second Tuesday of December (12/12/2023) if there is an interest from club members. The dinner price will be \$39.00 per plate. Please contact Lois Krueger (541/539-1555) if you are planning on coming. It would be a fun evening of good food, camaraderie, and sharing. Men are to bring an inexpensive gift for another man and women to bring an inexpensive gift for another woman. The gifts will be given out randomly.



Happy Holidays
Peter Calvo
KCFC President



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Convergence of the Williamson River and the crystal-clear Spring Creek, Chiloquin, OR

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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.

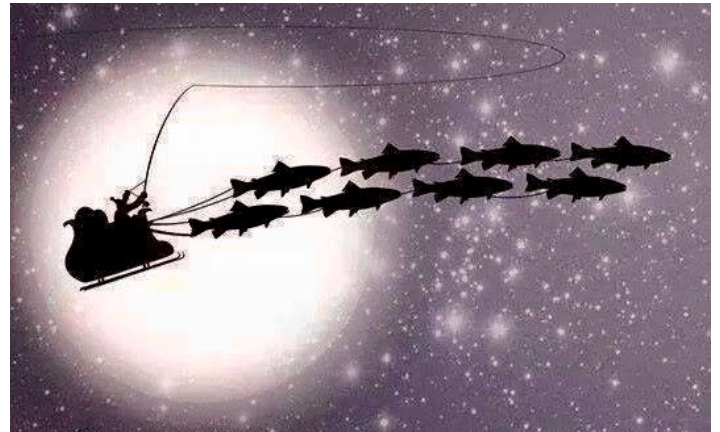
Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
Dec 12, 2023 5:00 PM	Club's Annual Christmas Party	5:00 PM - Cocktails 6:00 PM - Dinner	Waffle Hut Restaurant
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

Club Christmas Party

Upcoming Yuletide Fun!!



It is time for the KCFC Christmas dinner and party! We will meet at The Waffle Hut at 106 Main Street on December 12th. Happy Hour from 5:00 to 6:00, Dinner Served at 6:30.

The menu for our dinner will be Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Winter Vegetables, Green Salad, Rolls, and dessert. The cost for dinner is \$39.00 per person (includes gratuity), payable in cash or by check made out to the Klamath Country Fly Casters or KCFC. No Credit Cards will be accepted. The Club will pay for the dinner with one check.

You will be handed a ticket as you arrive, which will be your chance to win a door prize! We will also have a gift exchange. Ladies, please bring a wrapped gift for another lady; gentlemen, likewise, for another man. Please keep your presents under a \$15.00 limit. Your attire may be anything from jeans to tuxedos, as casual or dressy as you would like!

There will not be a December Meeting.

Now, because this is a catered dinner, we must have an accurate tally of guests. Lois Krueger would like your RSVPs by the 6th of December, so please contact her at (541) 539-1555 or email loislanehair67@gmail.com right away as we need to guarantee 20 attendees as soon as possible.



Hooked on ~~Fish~~ Turkey

by Dale B Zemke

Roast Spatchcock Turkey

from NYT Cooking

Serves: 10 servings

Ingredients

- 1 8 to 12-pound turkey
- 10 garlic cloves, peeled and lightly crushed, more to taste
- 1 branch fresh tarragon or thyme separated into sprigs,
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil or butter
- Salt and pepper to taste



Preparation Steps

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Put turkey on a stable cutting board breast side down and cut out backbone. Turn turkey over, and press on it to flatten. Put it, breast side up, in a roasting pan. Wings should partly cover breasts, and legs should protrude a bit.
2. Tuck garlic and tarragon under the bird and in the nooks of the wings and legs. Drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper.
3. Roast for 20 minutes, undisturbed. Turkey should be browning. Remove from oven, baste with pan juices, and return to oven. Reduce heat to 400 degrees (if turkey browns too quickly, reduce temperature to 350 degrees).
4. Begin to check turkey's temperature about 15 minutes later (10 minutes if bird is on the small side). It is done when thigh meat registers 165 degrees on an instant-read meat thermometer. Check it in a couple of places.
5. Let turkey rest for a few minutes before carving, then serve with garlic cloves and pan juices.

Notes

In 2002, Mark Bittman published this revolutionary approach to roasting the Thanksgiving turkey, which allows you to cut the cooking time of the average turkey by about 75 percent while still presenting an attractive bird. Simply cut out the backbone — or ask your butcher to do it for you — and spread the bird out flat before roasting, a technique known as spatchcocking that is commonly used with chickens. Roasted at 450 degrees, a 10-pound bird will be done in about 45 minutes. Really. It will also be more evenly browned (all of the skin is exposed to the heat), more evenly cooked, and moister than birds cooked conventionally.

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*

Lance Egan's Frenchie



The Frenchie is a quick to tie pattern by Lance Egan. The Frenchie style fly I first saw used natural pheasant tail fibers for the tail and body and had a hotspot behind the bead which varied in color. In the ever-expanding world of fly-tying one of the more popular and recent innovations has been the use of “jig hooks”. With a jig hook flies the hook rides what is considered upside-down, with the point above the fly. The benefits of this are twofold. Firstly, snagging on the bottom is and secondly the hook is more liable to set in the top lip or the corner of the fish’s mouth. The introduction of slotted beads several years ago, making the use of jig hooks easier.

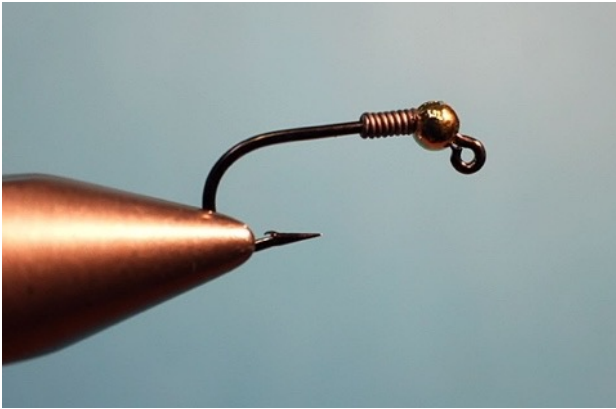
Egan’s Frenchie is a variation on the original theme and the color combination is a most productive combo. I replaced the pheasant tail, tail with wood duck (for sheen, speckling and added durability). I use a natural pheasant tail body and Hairline’s shrimp pink ice dubbing teamed with a red thread collar to create the hotspot. So far fish have been impressed with this fly. On a recent trip, fishing the Crooked River out of Big Bend Campground, I was able to hook several redband rainbows with this fly. Tie lots of these and experiment with some different colors of pheasant tail for the body and dubbing for the collar to suit your needs and find the most effective color for your own waters.

Materials:

Hook:	Firehole 516 BL 60 Degree Heavy Jig Hook – Size #12-#18
Bead:	UTC Ultra thread 70 Denier - Red
Bead:	Slotted Tungsten Beads - Gold - 7/64” (2.8mm) for size #14
Weight:	Lead Wire Spool - .015
Tail:	Wood duck
Body 3:	Natural Ringneck Pheasant Center Tails
Ribbing:	UTC Ultra Wire - Copper - Small
Hot Spot/Thorax:	Ice Dub - UV Shrimp Pink or Orange

Lance Egan's Frenchie

Instructions:



STEP 1

Place the slotted tungsten bead on the hook by inserting the hook point into the smaller hole on the front of the bead. Slide the bead up to the hook – Twist the bead as necessary so the slotted portion of the bead navigates around the angled shank so the bead pushes tight against the hook eye. Wrap ten turns of .015" non-lead wire onto the hook shank from the back of the hook to the front. Shove the lead wraps up into the back of the bead.



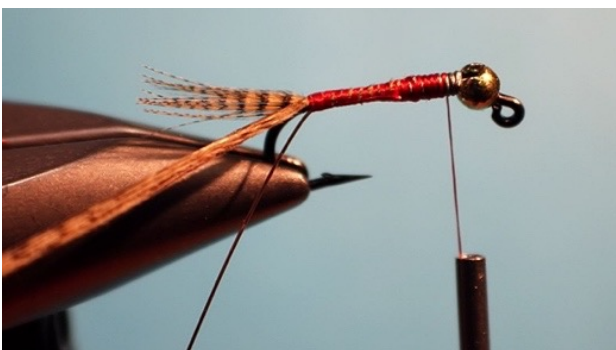
STEP 2

Build a thread ramp directly behind the wire bead to lock it into place. Cover the balance of the shank with thread. Select 8-10 wood duck fibers and strip them from the quill. Measure the wood duck fibers against the shank so they are equal to one half of a shank length and tie them in at the bend. Wrap forward over the butt ends to the sixty percent point on the shank and clip the remainder.



STEP 3

Tie in a piece of copper wire along the near side of the shank and wrap back over it to the bend of the hook.



STEP 4

Select a bunch of Pheasant tail fibers, about six or eight, and clip the tip ends square. Tie the pheasant tail fibers in at the bend of the hook with the tips extending to the sixty percent point. The tips will help to form the underbody and tying them in this way will eliminate any bump at the bend of the hook. (I usually like to use the greyish center tail feather.)

Lance Egan's Frenchie



STEP 5

Wrap forward over the butt ends to the seventy percent point, taking care to keep the underbody smooth and lump-free.



STEP 6

Spiral wrap the copper wire ribbing material forward over the body in five or six evenly spaced turns. Tie the ribbing off at the front of the body and clip the excess. (make sure you wrap in the opposite direction to increase the flies endurance)



STEP 7

Dub some shrimp pink ice dubbing onto the thread. Wind the dubbed shrimp pink ice dubbing directly behind the bead. Stroke the Ice dub fibers back after each wrap. The finished shrimp pink dub should form a small ball just behind the bead.

Lance Egan's Frenchie

STEP 8

Wind the red thread directly behind the bead to form a hot spot. Whip finish to complete the fly.

Completed Fly



Top View



Bottom View

