



# NEWSLETTER

## “Fishing the Wood and the Williamson” *with Brent Hublitz*



### Calendar

#### **DUES ARE DUE!**

September 10: North Umpqua Fly Fishing and Tying Festival

September 20: Club Meeting with Brent Hublitz

September 27: Fly Tying Roundtable

October 18: Club Meeting with Conrad Bowman

October 25: Fly Tying Roundtable

We are happy to kick off our KCFC program year with a local friend of the Club, Brent Hublitz.

Brent is the owner of Trophy Outfitters, a family owned, independently operated fly fishing guide service based right here in Klamath Falls. Brent's guiding specializes in the Wood River, the Williamson River, Agency and Klamath Lakes, as well as many other areas in Southern Oregon. With over twenty years of fly fishing experience, Brent's love for the sport shows in his commitment to careful handling and release of all native and wild fish caught.

Brent is also a custom fly tier and has designed many patterns to help fool even the wariest of fish lurking in Southern Oregon rivers and lakes!

Be sure to come to the Club meeting on Tuesday, September 20th to hear Brent's stories, tips and advice for fishing our home waters.

Information and photos from [www.trophyoutfitters.com](http://www.trophyoutfitters.com)

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## 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 be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community."

## COMMITTEES

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Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks

Programs: Bob Kingzett

Social/Auction: Lois Krueger

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer's Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: [www.klamathcountryflycasters.com](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

I hope all of you have had a good summer and were able to have some good fly fishing experiences.

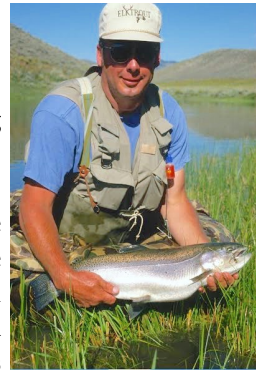
It is time once again to start our "regular" Club year with monthly meetings. We have some good programs lined up for your entertainment and education. Regardless of where the stream or lake is that is featured in the programs, I always learn something that I can use in my favorite fisheries. You can also look forward to the raffles which provide fun and prizes and most importantly some funds to help the Club continue to have good programs and help improve fish habitat through our conservation efforts. Our Club continues to be one of the leading clubs in the state in conservation efforts.

Of course to continue with good programs and conservation projects we need your continued support. Dues are now due and are still only \$35. Plan on joining some of the Club fishing outings with fellow Club members. Jim Ricks will be organizing these trips.

I haven't fished as much as I would like to this summer, but I enjoyed the times that I did get out. I plan to fish the Deschutes the weekend before our September meeting. Hopefully the fall caddis will be out while I am there. I will let you know how the fishing was at the Club meeting.

Dick

**DUES ARE DUE!**



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We have a great program year lined up! Invite your friends who might be interested in fly fishing to join you at the September 20th meeting!



## UPCOMING OUTINGS

Outings Chair, Jim Ricks, has begun a great lineup of events for 2016! Please consider adding yourself as a leader of an outing to one of your favorite places. It's simple! Pick a place, a time, publicize it through Jim and see who shows up! You may reach Jim at 541 205-3274 or [mtnestinor@gmail.com](mailto:mtnestinor@gmail.com).

PLACE:	DATE:	CONTACT:
Miller Lake	9/??/2016	Marshal Moser <a href="mailto:marshalmoser@gmail.com">marshalmoser@gmail.com</a>
Stream Fishing	TBA	Jim Ricks 541 205-3274
Upper Williamson	TBA	John Hyde 5410783-3008

## CONSERVATION REPORT, submitted by Greg Bulkley

### Five Mile Creek Project Report

As part of the extensive watershed restoration carried out on Black Drake Ranch over the past eleven years, large wood structures (22 ft. juniper logs with attached root wads) have been placed in stream, with the trunks anchored by keying them into deep ditches excavated into the banks and securing them by burial under large boulders, gravel, and dirt. While the roots themselves provide refuge for the minnows and fry, the bulk of the root wad generates a current that serves to scour a deep hole just downstream from its mass. This deep water provides refuge and habitat for the larger fish, and often much larger fish. Willows and other bushes planted and caged on the southern stream banks at these sites provide bank stabilization, cooling shade, and further protection for the fish from raptors. Over the past decade we have placed these large wood structures in the reaches of both the North Fork Sprague River and Five Mile Creek on the ranch. Our most successful sites have been in the wider, shallow, and unshaded areas without the usual undercut banks. Such sites do not otherwise provide adequate cover for fish of any size. On August 17, 2016, we placed single or double juniper log/root wads in five such sites on Five Mile Creek. The work was done efficiently and economically by our neighbors Garrett Roseberry and Steve Hartzell, the same team that has done virtually all of the heavy equipment work for the extensive watershed restoration already completed here on the ranch. The project was closely supervised by Sue Mattenberger, a skilled hydrologist from the Klamath Falls Office of the USFWS. Sue was also instrumental in the design and planning of the project, and in securing the (substantial) permitting necessary for in stream work. When the heavy equipment work was done, four volunteers from the Klamath Country Fly Casters (Sue, Rob Cunningham, and landowners Jacqui, and Greg) seeded the sites and transplanted and caged one mature willow bush. More willows will be planted in the fall, just before that growing season.



This \$5344 project was generously funded by the Klamath Country Fly Casters extensive Conservation Grant Program, the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Casters, and the Conservation Committee of the National Council of the International Federation of Fly Casters (\$1500 from each), \$344 for gravel fill (delivered from Lakeview) from the landowner, and \$500 worth of unpaid volunteer labor from the KCFC members. Writing as both the landowner and on behalf of the Klamath Country Fly Casters, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to our funders for their support of not only this project, but of so many other such projects here in the Sprague River Basin over the past decade.

For a cool video showing redband fry sheltered among the roots of a root wad on Five Mile Creek, click on the blue “CLICK HERE” and then “Go to Page.” This video was taken just hours after the project finished, showing that if you provide habitat, the fish move in right away. [CLICK HERE](#)



## DUES ARE DUE!

According to our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st. 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 either bring it to the September meeting along with your dues, or mail them to:

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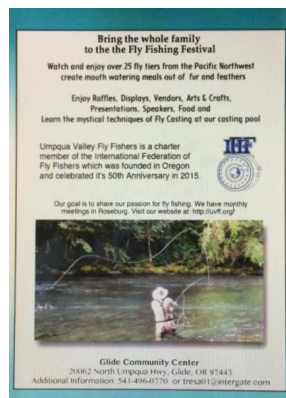
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## NORTH UMPQUA FLY FISHING AND TYING FESTIVAL



## THE HEX HATCH ON FIVE MILE CREEK; HOW I MET DICK WINTER

by Greg Bulkley

In the summer of 2004, before Jacqui and I actually purchased our ranch out here near Bly, we tried to do some extensive homework on the place where we were planning to spend our retirement. Before we discovered the Klamath Basin, we had been looking for about 20 years for the right place that a retired university professor could afford. We wanted wilderness and privacy, some trout water of our own for ourselves and our grandchildren to catch smaller fish without competing with other fishermen, and access to good public fishing nearby. I was pretty much a novice myself, coming from Maryland where a 12 to 14 inch fish can be considered a trophy, but I knew enough not to trust local stories of good fishing in any area without checking it out for myself. So before finalizing the ranch purchase and therefore while staying there as a guest of the kind landowner, I thought I had better go fishing.

Knowing little about the area, and needing to acquire the necessary information efficiently, I thought I should get a local guide. Upon inquiring, I was assured that Bryan Carpenter was the best, so I called him to book a fishing trip on some local water. Bryan was happy to oblige, and suggested the next day in his drift boat on the Lower Williamson. I was a bit surprised when he asked if I had the right flies; having no idea of the local fauna, I had assumed that the guide would supply the flies as is the custom in the East, and in much of Montana and Wyoming where I had fished with a guide. Sitting out in the Bly boondocks, I had no way to acquire flies by our early launch time the following day. Bryan kindly offered to pick some up from some guy named Dick Winter and then re-sell them to me the next morning.

So that's what happened. Somehow Bryan managed to get me into a couple of trout on Dick's seal buggers despite my flailing at the water, and although he assured me that I had broken off several I had never even felt, I did manage to land one 19 inch redband. So we bought the ranch.

A year later, having just moved in that spring, I had grown accustomed to fishing the reaches of Five Mile Creek and the North Fork Sprague on our ranch, often with our friend Rob Cunningham, whom we met when we had hired him to help us move in and fix up the ranch. (Rob can fix anything, and fix it well.) Rob and I had gotten into the habit of fishing in the afternoons and evenings, after much of the work was done (the work on a ranch is never done), and usually landed fish up to 12-14 inches. Rob had shown me some other local areas where we had landed some larger fish, so I was satisfied that we had made the right decision to move out here.

Then one hot night in the middle of July 2005, Rob and I finished work later than usual but went out at sundown to fish Five Mile Creek right in front of our house. As it got dark we both started landing 19 and 20 inch fish where we had only caught much smaller fish in the past. All around us fish were rising like crazy, and the birds and bats were feasting on some kind of hatch, but it was so dark by the time we started looking, we couldn't really identify the bug.

Now everyone likes to catch a bigger fish than expected, and especially to find a new place to catch them. But when you own the property, and you have been looking for 20 years, it's pretty exhilarating. Rob and I were bouncing off the walls when we returned to the house at 10 PM, excited and happy, but totally in the dark about what was actually happening on the stream. So without thinking about it carefully, I looked up "Richard Winter" in the Klamath Falls phone book and dialed his number. At this point I had never met him nor even spoken to him on the phone. And Rob and I were both totally unaware of his stature in the fly fishing community. This gravelly voice answered, "Hello, whaddaya want?" (If you look up the word "curmudgeon" in the dictionary, you will find Dick's picture.)

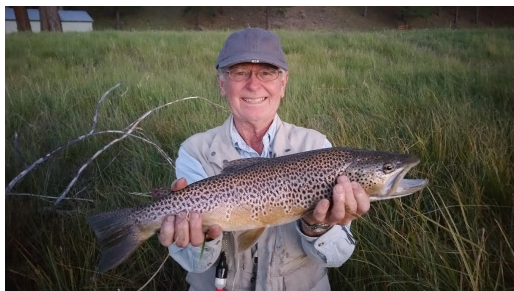
I at least managed the presence of mind to apologize for calling so late. He immediately recognized my name, having remarkably remembered tying those Williamson River flies for me the year before. I had never even spoken to this guy before and he knew who I was, where we lived, and when we had moved in. I related the events of the evening and Dick went bonkers: "There's a Hex hatch on Five Mile Creek and nobody even knows it!" His enthusiasm was nothing short of Rob's and mine. Within a few minutes I felt as if I had known this guy all my life and knew that I now had found a good friend.

Dick came out and fished with us the next evening and confirmed that we did indeed have a prolific *Hexegenia limbata* hatch here, not only on Five Mile, but on the North Fork as well. He taught us about the hatches, tied flies for us, and introduced us to almost everyone we know in the Klamath Basin. We got to know his dear wife, Madge, who was so instrumental in founding and maintaining the Club in those early days after its founding. When I expressed interest in trying to catch a steelhead, he introduced me to Tim Lancaster, who took me to the North Umpqua, gave me the rod, and got me into a steelhead on our first trip. I have been addicted ever since, and Tim and I fish everywhere together now that Dick doesn't get out as much as he used to. The following June, Dick educated me about the well-known *Silphonurus* hatch out here and suggested we name the ranch after the Black Drake, which we did. Dick encouraged Jacqui and me to join the Klamath Country Fly Casters, which I only learned later he had helped to found with Bill Nelson and others. He took my then 90 year old Dad and me up to Yamsi Ranch and introduced us to the Hyde family, who have enriched our life out here in the Klamath Basin greatly. In addition to becoming a lifelong friend, Dick has been our anchor to the Klamath Basin.

This July we had the best Hex hatch we have had in the eleven years we've been out here. Sometimes the fleets of mayflies taking off from the surface of Five Mile resembled those old movies of bombers taking off from British airfields during World War II. The best pattern to use is still Dick's parachute version of Polly Rosborough's Hex dun.



Catching fish this big on dry flies is really special. And this year we caught a lot of big browns, as well as big red bands. Rob got especially lucky.



And just to complete the circle, my original Klamath Basin guide, Bryan Carpenter, now a dear friend (again thanks to Dick) and internationally esteemed fish carving artist, has recently reproduced the fish we catch here in our ranch water.

Like the Klamath Country Fly Casters, for Jacqui and me, it all started with Dick Winter.

## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### Schroeder's Parachute Ant

The Parachute Ant was originated by Ed Schroeder and has become one of the most accepted ant patterns in existence. The parachute post makes for good visibility while the hackle provides low riding floatation.

Throughout the summer and fall, I often use an ant pattern as a dropper behind a larger pattern, an attractor or a larger terrestrial, and I find that many trout not interested in the bigger offering will rise for a tasty ant.

The best time to use this fly is the late summer and fall from August through November. On the freestone mountain streams throughout the west, where I fish for native brook trout, brown trout and rainbows, this ant pattern is killer.



#### Materials:

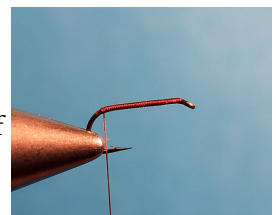
Hook:	TMC 102Y #13-19
Thread:	Brown 6/0
Abdomen:	Mahogany superfine dubbing
Wing:	White calf body hair
Hackle:	Coachman brown dyed grizzly
Thorax:	Mahogany superfine dubbing

Note: I often use orange calf body hair for the wing for low light conditions on the red parachute ant.

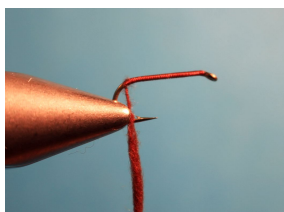
When building this fly in black I use black superfine dubbing and a black died grizzly. I usually use black calf body hair for the wing; however I substitute yellow calf body hair for low light conditions.

#### Instructions:

Attach the thread at the eye of the hook and wrap a smooth thread base to the back of the hook.

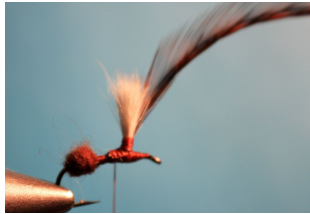


Using a super fine dubbing in small amounts, so you can twist it on the thread very tight. Form the body from dubbing by forming an oblong ball from the bend to the 40% point on the shank.





Tie in a shank length of calf body hair and post at the base with the thread.



Prepare and tie in the coachman brown died grizzly hackle to the shank in front of the base of the wing with the inside of the feather facing down. Pull the hackle feather straight up so it is parallel to the wing and post around the stripped quill. Return the thread to the bottom of the post.

Apply a thin layer of dubbing to the thread and build another smaller ball around the base of the wing.



Begin wrapping the hackle at the top of the post with each consecutive turn under the last. Make four or five turns, and then pull the tip of the feather down on the far side of the hook and secure. Whip finish behind the hook eye while holding the wrapped hackle out of the way and clip the thread.



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TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

## MEMBERS ONLY BUSINESS ADVERTISING

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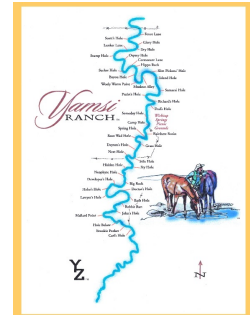
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## YELLOWSTONE RIVER CLOSES

KCFC friend, Joel LaFollette, reports:

“On Friday, August 19, Montana FWP instituted an immediate closure of all water-based recreation (fishing, wading, floating, tubing, boating, etc.) on the Yellowstone River and its tributaries (i.e., any waters that flow into the Yellowstone) from Yellowstone National Park’s northern boundary at Gardiner to the Highway 212 Bridge in Laurel—the area immediately surrounding the affected zone.

The catalyst for the fish kill is Proliferative Kidney Disease – one of the most serious diseases to impact whitefish and trout. This disease, caused by a contagious microscopic parasite, is known to occur in Canada, the US and Europe. In Montana, the disease has been documented previously in two isolated locations in central Montana over the past 20 years. Recent outbreaks have occurred in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

In trout, research has shown this disease to have the potential to cause 20 to 100 percent mortality. The effect of the disease on Yellowstone’s fish populations is exacerbated by other stressors like near record low flows and consistent high temperatures and the disturbance caused by recreational activities during these times.

For more information on this developing story please visit [Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.](#)”



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