



Klamath Country Fly Casters

April 2024



Williamson River Canyon April 5, 2024.



President Peter Calvo

Presidents message April 2024

Hi everyone. April is here. Fishing is happening. Ray McClenathan and I hit the lower Sacramento on Saturday (3/30/24) [see photo on right] and had a fair day. The weather varied from snow in the morning to sunbreaks which made the conditions tolerable. All in all it was a good day. Harry and Marry Craig are returning from southern California. Two of their friends will be staying with them to keep them company. It's nice to have them back. Regarding Fishing; the Yamsi Ranch will be putting on another fishing day April 20th. The location is at Hyde Lake. Bring a new prospective member. Club members will fish free. Bill Tinniswood through ODFW supplied the current batch of trout in the lake. An agreement was made to open the



lake up to public access for a day so the public can fish. It is a wonderful opportunity to sponsor new members to our club and to fish a top quality fishery. The price of a membership is \$35.00. This month Bill Tinniswood from ODFW will give his yearly presentation. You do not want to miss this one. Bill will review (speak to the quality of the fisheries and how to fish them from a fly rod perspective) lakes and rivers of Klamath and Lake Counties.

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April Meeting Special Presentation

Fisheries of Klamath and Lake Counties with Bill Tinniswood

Get ready for KCFC's most well-attended program of the year! On April 9th, we will be treated again to Bill Tinniswood's annual talk on the fishing opportunities in Klamath and Lake Counties at our meeting location at the Waffle Hut, 106 Main Street.

As a fish biologist with ODF&W, Bill has the inside scoop on which streams and lakes are set to fish well this year, and which might not be.

Bill welcomes your questions, and is always gracious about answering them. Be sure to bring your notepad and pen for taking notes; he will flood you with information!



The following is an update sent recently from Lois Krueger, about Harry and Mary Craggs:

Hello KCFC,

I'd like to update you on the latest info regarding our friends/fellow members Harry and Mary Craggs.

As you are all aware they were in a horrific car accident and have been in the hospital for approximately the past eight weeks. Today March 31st is a huge day for them as they get to return home to Klamath Falls.

They have a long road ahead of them and will still require some help. A bunch of our members/friends have stepped up to offer meals etc to help them upon their return. We are an awesome club and I'm proud of all the outpouring of love and support each of you have shown them. They are very special people.

If there is anyone that has not reached out to me to offer a little help and would like to, you can get in touch with me at

541-539-1555 and I'll let you know what we need.

Thank you again and

WELCOME HOME HARRY & MARY.

Lois Krueger



Jim Snook Cartoons, 1995

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About the Klamath Country Fly Casters

The KCFC Mission Statement:

We the Klamath Country Fly Fishers, 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, 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 Through May, at 6:00pm. The group meets in the banquet room of the Waffle Hut which is at 106 Main Street, Klamath Falls, OR.

Membership dues are \$35.00 per family per year. The membership year is October through September.

Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information.

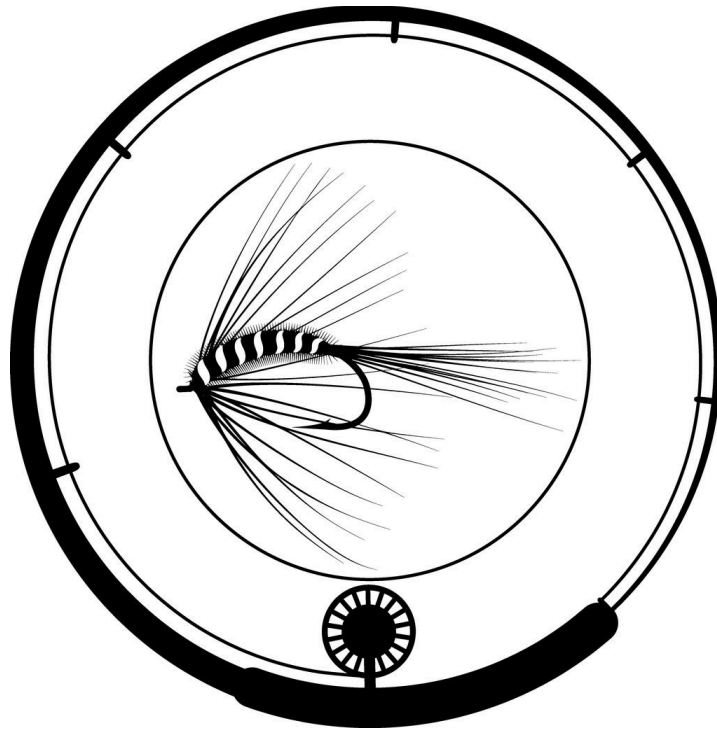
Meeting Calendar:

Date	Event	Speaker/Host	Location
April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	Bill Tinniswood <i>Angling Potential in Local Water</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
April 20, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Club fishing event: members fish free	Bring a prospective member!	Yamsi Ranch, Hyde Lake.
May 14, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant



Klamath Lake near Link River

April Fly Tying ~ Ralph Carestia



This month is the Thin Mint Bugger which is a remarkably effective streamer pattern that I use in place of regular wooly buggers.

I do this pattern in several colors and sizes for fishing local waters.

Thin Mint Wooly Bugger



Some of you may be saying to yourselves, "*Just Another Wooly Bugger variation?*" However, the Thin Mint Bugger has proven itself to be a remarkably effective streamer pattern over the last several years. Let us assume the "Thin Mint" comes from the fact it uses a sandwich of colors in the tail and a reference to the tasty peacock body. I use .020" lead-free round wire to add weight to the fly and to help stabilize the bead on the hook. It is your standard Woolly Bugger with a tricolored tail and a few little extras thrown in. The Thin Mint Jig Bugger combines the classic

design of the Woolly Buzzer with a more contemporary jig design. This fly is designed to get down quickly and ride hook point up avoiding all those pesky snags along the bottom.

I mostly use two different methods to fish this fly in rivers:

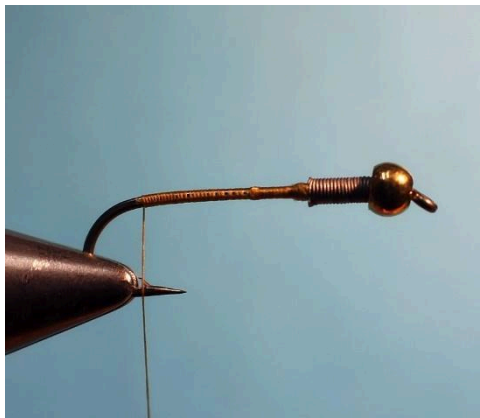
1. Cast upstream, let the Thin Mint Buzzer sink for 2 seconds, then strip them back quickly. This will pick up the aggressive feeders.
2. Cast across the current, let the Thin Mint Buzzer sink and swing in the downstream current. Then pulse your rod – Jig styled to provide movement to the Thin Mint Buzzer.

Materials: Thin Mint Buzzer

Hook:	Daiichi 1720, Tiemco 5263, size #8 to #14
Head:	Tungsten bead, size to match hook
Weight:	Lead-free round wire, .015"
Thread:	Ultra Thread - wood duck, Olive 8/0 or 70-denier.
Tail #1:	Olive marabou.
Tail Flash:	3 strands of Flashabou Mirage Opal
Tail #2:	Brown marabou.
Tail #3:	Black marabou.
Rib #1:	Copper Ultra Wire, small.
Rib #2:	Pearl Flashabou.
Body:	Peacock herl.
Hackle:	Furnace or Rusty brown saddle.

Instructions:

1. Place the 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 – Wrap 20 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. Start the thread on the hook shank, just behind the wire and, after taking a few wraps rearward, snip off the excess tag.



2. Black, brown and olive marabou are all used to create the tail of the fly. The olive gets tied in first. Prep a single olive marabou feather by stripping off the shorter fibers from both sides of the stem. Prep both a brown and a black marabou feather in the same manner. Pick up the olive marabou feather and lightly wet it to make it more manageable. Measure to form a tail a full hook in length, then transfer that measurement rearward to the start of the hook bend. Begin anchoring the marabou to the top of the hook shank with tight wraps of tying thread. Once it's locked down, snip the excess butt end off close. Pull up and toward you on the feather as you take thread wraps rearward. This will bind it to the top of the hook shank, as opposed to pushing it to the far side. Wrap all the way back to the start of the hook bend, then forward to the wire wraps.



3. Snip three or four strands of pearl Flashabou free from the hank. Align one end of the strands with the tip of the tail and begin anchoring the strands to the near side of the hook with wraps of tying thread. Continue taking thread wraps rearward, binding the strands to the near side of the hook as you go. End at the base of the tail. Snip the Flashabou on the far side of the hook off even with



4. Pick up the Brown marabou feather and lightly wet it to make it more manageable. Measure to form a tail a full hook in length, then transfer that measurement rearward to the start of the hook bend. Begin anchoring the marabou to the top of the hook shank with tight wraps of tying thread. Once it's locked down, snip the excess butt end off close. the end of the tail.



5. Pick up the Black marabou feather and lightly wet it to make it more manageable. Measure to form a tail a full hook in length, then transfer that measurement rearward to the start of the hook bend. Begin anchoring the marabou to the top of the hook shank with tight wraps of tying thread. Once it's locked down, snip the excess butt end off close. the end of the tail.



6. The Thin Mint Bugger has two ribs, the first is small gold wire. Lay one end of the wire against the near side of the hook and take thread wraps to secure it there, all the way back to the base of the tail. Then take open spiral thread wraps back up to where you started. The second rib is a single strand of pearl Flashabou. Tie it in on the near side of the hook just as you did with the copper wire.



7. Peacock herl is used to create the body of the fly, the longer, the better. Get hold of 5 or 6 herls and snip just the very brittle tips off square. Lay the snipped-off tips against the near side of the hook and take thread wraps to secure them. As you've been doing, secure them all the way back to the base of the tail, but this time, leave your thread to hang right there.



8. Get hold of the twisted herls and start making wraps with forward until you reach the back edge of the bead, use tight wraps of tying thread to anchor the herls, then snip the excess off.



9. Get hold of the Flashabou rib and begin making open spiral counter wraps with it over top of the peacock herl body. When you reach the bead, use the tying thread to anchor the Flashabou.



10. A single rusty brown hackle feather is used to hackle the fly. You want the fibers to be about a hook shank in length. Begin binding the butt end of the feather to the near side of the hook.



11. Get hold of the feather's tip with hackle pliers and start making touching wraps with it behind the bead. After 2 or 3 turns, angle the feather back and make more open spiral wraps rearward until you reach the base of the tail.



12. Now, get hold of the gold wire and use it to first anchor the feather's tip, then weave it through the hackle feather's fibers, cross wrapping the somewhat delicate hackle stem as you go. At the back edge of the bead, anchor the copper wire with tight wraps of tying thread.



13. Pick up your whip finish tool and do a 5 or 6 turn whip finish at the back edge of the bead, then cut your tying thread free. The Thin Mint Bugger is complete.



