



NEWSLETTER



The KCFC Holiday Party!

Calendar

December 17: KCFC Christmas Party

January 18: P.L.A.Y. Outdoors

January 21: KCFC meeting with local fly tying masters

February 18: KCFC meeting on outdoor emergency preparedness, with Rose Beardsley

Lois Krueger has been working her holiday magic again, planning a great KCFC annual Christmas Party! The festivities will be December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Elmer's where our usual monthly meetings are held. The menu will be carved prime rib au jus and creamy horseradish, accompanied by potatoes, winter vegetables, and a mixed green salad. Soda and iced tea will also be provided. The cost will be \$15 per person.

Like last year, we will have a gift exchange that evening. So, if you are a man, please bring gift for a man and ladies, please a bring gift for another lady! We suggest a limit of \$10.00 for these gifts.

We will also be taking donations for Project Healing Waters, the organization that helps

wounded veterans through fly fishing therapy. This year KCFC will match the total donated up to \$500, so please remember our heroes this holiday season!

We need to let Elmer's know how many dinners to prepare, so RSVP as soon as possible! **We need a confirmed RSVP count by December 10th!** Lois will be making a list and, indeed, checking it twice. Please contact her soon with your reservations.

You may call her at 541-539-1555, or email lk@timefliesoutfitters.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.

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

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest KCFC members! Make sure to look for them at our next meeting. Introduce yourself, and welcome them into our fly fishing family!

Please welcome: Earl and Marsha Olson



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

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Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks

Programs:

Social Events/Annual

Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

I sincerely hope this message finds all of you well and full of the Holiday Spirit, be it Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or just the celebration of another year and the promise of the new year. Although written as a Christmas poem, this little gem seems to me to be more of an 'All Purpose' holiday message. I hope it fits.



*It's Christmas Time Again,
by Bob Lazzar-Atwood*

*Put your problems on probation,
Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out the window
Get the monkeys off your back.
Silence all your critics
With your conscience make amends,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.
Call a truce with those who bother you
Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather
And declare a time of peace,
Don't let angry feelings taint
The precious time you have to spend,
And allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.
Like some cool refreshing water
Or a gentle summer breeze,
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers,
Or the smell of autumn leaves,
It's a banquet for the spirit
Filled with family, food, and friends,
So allow yourself some happiness
It's Christmas time again.*



Thanks to all the wonderful people who have been with us this past year. May the coming year be one in which each and every one of you finds joy, contentment, good health, and all things that make life so grand. Until next we meet, Tight Lines.

OUTINGS UPDATE

We have five proposed Club fishing trips and one outing to a spey fishing clave for this year. This is what the schedule looks like so far:

April 1-5, 2014 - Bob Gregory is putting together a trip to Pyramid Lake in Nevada

May 16-18, 2014 - Greg Bulkley will organize an outing to the Sandy River Spey Clave

May 31, 2014 - Dale Zemke will put together a day trip to Lake Juanita near MacDoel CA

July - Doug Barnes will put a trip together - Destination & Date(s) to be set

August - Toby Loetscher will organize a trip to Gold Lake, OR - Date(s) to be set.

September - John Staunton will organize a trip to Medicine Lake - Date(s) to be set.

This is a great start to what is hoped to be an expanding program. We are working on filling in the dance card with an outing in June, so look for sign-up sheets to start appearing at the January club meeting. More information about each outing will be forthcoming!

FLY TYING ROUND TABLE

The first KCFC Fly Tying Round Table was an amazing success, with 15 Club members and friends showing up at the Lakeshore Landing in Moore Park for an informal get together led by John Krueger. John presented two flies and talked the group through the steps of tying them. Look for this to be a regularly scheduled event beginning in January, after the holidays.



A NEW MONTHLY COLUMN

Our President, Dale Zemke never stops thinking. He came up with a great idea for a new column in our monthly newsletter ... recipes for cooking fish! Although we encourage the practice of catch and release of wild native fish, we certainly do not ban eating fish! When buying fish at the grocery store, we would certainly recommend looking for wild-caught, not farm-raised.



What should we call this column? "After Tight Lines?" "Hooked on Fish?" Send in your suggestions! We also encourage you to send in your favorite fish recipe or preparation method. Please email kcfnews@gmail.com. If your recipe is from a magazine or cookbook, please include that information, too, so we may give credit to them.

Here is our first recipe, submitted by Dale:

Orange-Glazed Salmon

Fresh fish is the best route to go, but if you're not sure about its quality, frozen, wild caught, fish might be the better option. It will work well for this recipe.

Makes 4 servings; total time: 35 minutes

3 teaspoons Cajun seasoning (salt free)

1 teaspoon brown sugar

¼ teaspoon kosher salt

4 boneless, skinless salmon filets (6 ounces each) Check for pin bones and remove with tweezers or pliers.

2 Tablespoons vegetable oil

¼ cup orange marmalade

1 Tablespoon lime juice

lime wedges

Combine Cajun seasoning, sugar, and salt in a small bowl. Rub over all surfaces of filets.

Sauté filets in oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes. Turn and sauté an additional 2-3 minutes.

Blend marmalade and lime juice; swirl in skillet until melted. Carefully turn fish to glaze on all sides. The salmon is done when it begins to flake when tested with a fork.

Serve with lime wedges and your favorite side dishes.

Recipe from Cuisine LITE magazine

Skeena Steelhead, by Greg Bulkley

Steelhead are, of course, known as the "fish of a thousand casts" (although it often seems more like ten thousand) and those who have never tried to land one often cannot understand why it's worth the effort. The answer, as steelheaders know, is what happens when you at long last finally hook up; while I have certainly not had every possible fish on a line, it is hard to imagine anything that can quite match a wild steelhead for strength, speed, and agility. Big, landlocked rainbows, like those in the Williamson, can sure fight pretty hard, but that angler's experience pales in comparison with that of the one trying to land a steelhead. I point out this well known phenomenon to help me try to explain what a Skeena steelhead is like: while fish anywhere vary in competitiveness, the typical Skeena steelhead, taken just a few kilometers up from the ocean, is as much "hotter" than a conventional U.S. coastal steelhead, as that steelhead is "hotter" than a landlocked rainbow. These Skeena fish are often pure chrome and can push 30#. As they are rapidly ascending, not holding fish, they take the swung fly with an explosion of water, followed by a blistering run that can often take 200-300 yards of backing within a minute or so, as the angler desperately sprints down the bank, stumbling over the river rocks for a quarter mile or so after it. Many are not landed, and indeed, some quite simply cannot be landed. One day I had 10 strong takes, had 6 on for a time, was spooled with 200 yards of backing three times, and landed one. More experienced anglers, of course, do better, but even Jeff Bright, one of the best, is often humbled by these magnificent raw forces of nature. Just playing a Skeena steelhead is an experience of a lifetime, and landing one is an achievement to be celebrated, usually, with a change of underwear. (The picture above is of a typical Skeena fish.) If you have any interest in attempting this, the Nicholas Dean Lodge just outside of Terrace runs a first class operation, accommodating fishermen in either the lodge itself, or in a sponsored riverside camp every fall. The latter is surprisingly economical, well run, and comfortable. If you want to check it out get in touch with Jeff Bright, who arranges these trips, and is great company fishing with you on the Skeena. (<http://www.jeffbright.com/>) It is truly an experience of a lifetime.



P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS, January 18, 2013 - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

This program, held annually in the Event Center at the Klamath Fairgrounds, provides a variety of activities for children and young adults to expose them to outdoor activities that they can use all their lives.

KCFC participates with a table to teach kids to tie flies under the supervision of a number of experienced volunteers and also a fly casting venue that is supervised by our FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor, John Hyde. This community outreach event was well attended by our volunteers last year, and by participating children (over 1200 at the P.L.A.Y. Outdoors Event). It was judged to be a huge success overall.

We will be there again, and we can use as many Club volunteers as we can get. If you have not already volunteered and would like to participate with a great group of your fellow Club members and a lot of terrific kids, contact Patrick Stroup, your Education Chairperson, at pastorstroup@aol.com.

WIN A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM GARY ANDERSON FLY ROD!

Only 64 tickets left!
 Over one-third of the tickets were sold the first night!
 Buy them while you still can!



Gary's rods are great works of art. Samples may be viewed at www.andersoncustomrods.com/rods.htm. The winner may choose any rod that Gary makes, up to and including his high-end Elite series. These rods are crafted with the finest of materials and the most advanced rod blanks. In addition, the winner's rod will be beautifully hand painted with the winner's name of choice and the one time designation:

(Name Designated)
 Klamath Country Fly Casters
 2013 ORCFFF Club of the Year

This rod will be a one-of-a-kind trophy and a true collector's item. After Gary has built this special rod, it will not be possible to purchase a duplicate at any price.

Tickets are available at KCFC meetings for \$10.00 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold. The raffle will end and the winner will be drawn at the next Club meeting after all 100 tickets have been sold.



Watch for Ralph Carestia's
 wonderful column
 "Indispensable Flies" to
 return after the holidays!



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