



KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

APRIL MEETING CHANGED FROM APRIL 18 TO APRIL 25TH

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

“GOING...GOING...GONE!!” *the annual KCFC Auction!*

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This year's KCFC fundraising auction has been changed to Tuesday, April 25th at Elmer's. Dinner hour begins at 6:00 with the festivities starting around 7:00.

Lois Krueger, Peg Edwards and their band of helpers have been working like crazy to make this year's the best auction yet! And, with John Hyde as Auctioneer, you know it will be a fun evening!

Lois and Peg have acquired many terrific items for you to bid on! Included are things like a steelhead trip on the Rogue, fishing at Yamsi Ranch, lodging and breakfast at RY, Yamsi Silver, prime rib dinner for six, day of pampering at Shagi Mane Hair & Nail Studio, custom bird houses, rods & reels, many hand tied flies, gift certificates from local restaurants and gift baskets!

Please remember that this is our Club's main way of raising money to fund our great programs, educational and conservation events. Invite your friends to come! Bring your check book, credit card or piggy bank...all forms of payment will be greatly appreciated!



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Calendar

April 25: Club Annual Auction
May 16: Club Meeting - Todd Moen
May 23: Fly Tying Round Table at Lakeshore Landing
June 3: Club Fly Casting Clinic at Moore Park with John Hyde
June 12: RAP Camp at Lake of the Woods
Aug ??: Club BBQ at Medicine Lake

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.

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Board Member

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

Conservation: Jared Bottcher
Education: John Krueger
IFFF Liaison: Dale B Zemke
Fly Casting Events: John Hyde
Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia
Membership: Mark Kelley
Mentoring: Dave Biddison

Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards
Newsletter: Dale B Zemke
Nominating: John Hyde
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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Dick Siemens

I hope many of you were able to attend the Fly Fishing/Tying Expo in Albany this year. I saw a few of our members there, but unfortunately I had my first cold in two years so wasn't around as much as I would have liked. There were a lot of tiers there but some of the vendors I like to see were not there this year.



We will be drawing the winning ticket for our special fund raising raffle at the auction this month. The winner will receive a 10 ft. Echo 3 rod(5 wt), an Echo reel, an air flow line, three boxes of flies, an all-day fishing outing at the Yamsi Ranch guided by John Hyde, and dinner at the ranch following a fun day of fishing.

Our annual fund raising auction is this month. I hope to see many of you there. Bring your friends too and prepare to bid on a lot of nice items. Remember the proceeds will be used to fund club activities.

Many of you may have received an edition of the IFFF FLYFISHER E-NEWS that discussed the IFFF's position on Public Lands and Waters of the United States.

Our Club has always striven to remain neutral on any politically sensitive issues. Although we have done this in the past on an informal basis, avoiding expressing any position either pro or con, it is becoming obvious we need to do something more definitive considering the IFFF's taking a formal position on this.

We are not a Charter Club of the IFFF, rather we are an Affiliate Club. And as such could obtain grant funds for conservation projects from both the National Organization of the IFFF and the Oregon Council of the IFFF. We wish to continue to maintain this relationship for future Conservation and Education grant needs.

Therefore, your Board is discussing the best way to formalize what has been an informal policy to ensure it remains in effect in the future. It could lead to a formal Policy Statement or an amendment of our Club By-Laws and potentially our Articles of Incorporation, which will require a vote of the Membership. We will keep you advised on what the Board determines makes the most business sense for the club.

Dick

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There will be great programs and outings for KCFC in 2017. Invite a friend to come to a meeting and introduce them to our fly fishing community!

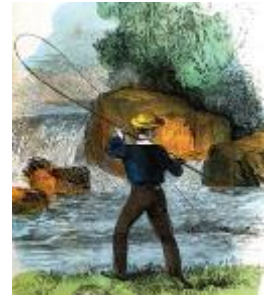


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Club Outings:

Lake Juanita - Saturday June 24th

Stream Keeper - Dale B. Zemke - dale_zemke@yahoo.com



Lake Juanita is located approximately 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Macdoel, CA. It is a small, high altitude lake that is not heavily visited or fished. It is stocked with trout and has a population of small, feisty, largemouth bass. The Lake fishes well. Excellent facilities. There is a concrete boat launch. No motors of any sort, fuel or electric, are allowed, but the size of the lake makes it excellent for row boats, float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, or kayaks. The water stays cold all through the summer. Dress accordingly if float tubing. This will be a day trip. Please bring your own food and beverage. Drinking water and vault toilets are available. There is no day use fee at this USFS campground, only a fee if you are overnighing in the well-maintained campground. We have had club outings at this lake in the past and it has been a very successful location. A one day California license is \$15.12 or a two day for \$23.50 for both residents and non-residents alike and can be obtained online at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing. Sign up for this outing at the April 18th Club Auction.



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Volunteer Planting Opportunity at Hexagenia Ranch

The Hexagenia Ranch and Sue Mattenberger of the USFWS are partnering to improve riparian conditions along the Williamson River just south of Lonesome Duck Ranch (map attached). The ranch and USFWS are looking for a few volunteers to help plant and cage approximately 10 trees starting at 9:00 am on Wednesday May 24th. KCFC and the USFWS will provide shovels and caging material, but please bring pliers and gloves if you plan to assist. The planting will be followed by a potluck lunch at noon and fishing the Williamson River on the Ranch after that. To reach Hexagenia Ranch from Klamath Falls, drive north on Highway 97 for approximately 21 miles, turning right at the Lonesome Duck sign, just south of the Williamson River crossing. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the April Meeting.



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R.A.P. (Resources and People) Summer Camp Fly Tying Classes

Date & Time: Monday June 12, 2017 - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Schedule: Three Class Sessions - 6:10 - 7:00, 7:10 - 8:00, & 8:10 - 9:00

Participants: 20 participants per session, ages 13 - 18 with some adults thrown in (Educators that attend the camp)

Location: Esther Applegate Camp, Lake of the Woods

Evening Meals: As in the past, volunteers are invited to dinner. Dinner runs from 5:15 - 6:00 PM. So plan to arrive about 4:45 PM.

John Krueger The Club Education Chairman will be overseeing the event.

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the April meeting or contact John Krueger at (541) 539-1505.

The Club will provide all of the materials and equipment.

Parking is very tight - so car pooling is highly recommended.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dates: May 18-19 (Thursday, Friday)

When: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Where: Crater Lake resort pond (Xanterra corp.),
Fort Klamath.

Lunch provided for volunteers



Although our Club normally restricts our efforts to fly fishing activities, this is a great opportunity to introduce children to the spot of fishing. It is not a Club event; however, it does reach out to the community by offering volunteer assistance to a program of this sort. The classes and activities cover both conventional and fly fishing.

So, please come volunteer for the youth angling clinic in Fort Klamath. The clinic is designed to introduce kids to fishing and conservation, and "hook" the next generation. Chiloquin, Sage and Ponderosa elementary classes will be there. In the morning, students will break into small groups and rotate through several stations: 1) care of the catch/fishing regulations 2) casting and water safety 3) fly-fish casting, flies and macroinvertebrates 4) knot tying/fish identification. Help is needed to teach at the stations.

After lunch, students have an opportunity to fish for rainbow trout in a stocked pond. ODFW staff and volunteers will be on hand to help young anglers learn how to bait a hook, cast a rod and even land a fish. There will be loaner Fishing Rods and Fly Rods available for kids

Volunteers are welcome to fish the pond after the kids are gone.

Contact any of the following in order to volunteer:

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Greg Lipsea (ODFW Klamath Hatchery) 541-381-2278

Jen Luke (ODFW Bend Office) 541-388-6366 jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

BH Featherduster Nymph



The **Bead Head Featherduster** nymph was developed by Wally Eagle in West Yellowstone in the 70's. He always said "it is a fish getter". As the name says it was originally tied with a real feather duster. It is particularly effective as a callibaetis nymph. It is also a great general mayfly nymph pattern for spring creeks and rivers. I'm fairly certain they will work for trout elsewhere and probably other fish too. The ostrich herl used in the Featherduster is a great representation of the pulsating gills found on the abdomen of many mayfly species. This pattern is one of our favorite lake callibaetis nymphs and fishes great when weighted with a bead and slightly twitched in front of cruising trout.

Materials:

- Hook:** TMC3761 & TMC3762 #10-18
2 x long nymph hooks (I prefer 2x long hooks when using a bead and regular hooks without a bead)
- Bead:** Tungsten Color of choice and sized to hook
- Weight:** Non Lead wire
- Thread:** UTC 70 Denier, Camel color
- Tail:** Pheasant tail
- Rib:** Gold BR or Small ultra-wire
- Abdomen:** Ostrich Herl
- Thorax:** Ostrich Herl
- Legs:** Pheasant Tail



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Instructions:

- 1) Put bead on hook and slide to the eye. Wrap lead onto the shank and butt it up against the bead. I put enough lead on there to take up the space where my thorax will be.



- 2) Cover lead with thread and create a smooth underbody.



- 3) Measure some pheasant tail fibers for length and tie them in at the above the barb of the hook. Wrap forward to the back of the lead wire. I like my tails to be roughly half the length of the hook shank.



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- 4) Pull the pheasant tail fibers back over the hook and wrap to the tail.



- 5) Tie in a wire rib on the bottom side of the hook. I tie it in on the bottom side so that the first half wrap begins under the hook.



- 6) Tie in one to two Ostrich herl at the bend and bring thread to the area at the start of the thorax. Twist herls together. I try not to make this very dense.



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7) Palmer the ostrich herl forward to a point where the thorax begins.



8) Pull the pheasant tail fibers back over the hook and tie in where the thorax begins.



9) Create a rib by using the gold wire to tie down the pheasant tail.



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- 10) Measure another bunch of pheasant tail fibers (about ½ the Gape width). The butt ends of the fibers will become the wing casing. Tie in the pheasant tail fibers.



- 11) Tie in a few more herls, twist together, and palmer. You could twist these with the thread to reinforce the herl if you want. I like to make the thorax area a little denser than the abdomen.



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- 12) Separate the pheasant tips, pull the butts over to form the wing case, and tie them in dividing the tips.



- 13) Pull one of the remaining pheasant tail fibers (3 to 4 fibers on each side) back along each side of the hook and bind it in place with a turn or two of thread. Pull down on the tying thread and tug the remaining two pheasant tail fibers that are sticking out over the hook eye toward the bend of the hook to break them off.



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- 14) Build smooth thread head to cover the tie down are and whip finish the thread.
Clip the thread. Trim the legs even with the back of the wingcase and add a drop of head cement to the thread head.



Bottom view



Top View



Klamath Country Fly Casters Raffle

This incredible fly fishing package could be yours!

Echo 3 Fly Rod, 10 foot, 5 weight

Reel and line

Hand-tied flies

Yamsi
RANCH PLUS

One full day of guided fly fishing on the famous Upper

Williamson River

followed by dinner at the

Yamsi Ranch House

hosted by John and Jerri Hyde

Tickets are only \$5.00 each

for your chance to win this

\$925.00 value!

 Proceeds benefit local conservation efforts 



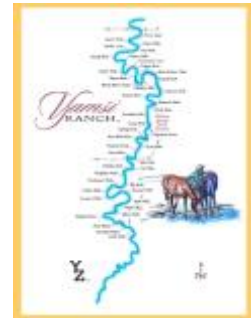
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MEMBERS ONLY BUSINESS ADVERTISING

KCFC members may now advertise in our Club newsletter! You may have your business card or a brief statement published for a fee of \$25.00 per calendar year. Please give your \$25.00 to Treasurer Peg Edwards.

YAMSI RANCH

- ~ IFFF certified fly casting instructor
- ~ the Upper Williamson River
- ~ Hyde Lake
- ~ Echo fly rods
- ~ AirFlo fly lines, leaders
- ~ Award winning silver and leather
- ~ wildlife/bird watching
- ~ working cattle ranch



BLACK DRAKE RANCH offers 420 acres of privacy with miles of two year-round flowing streams, teeming with wild native redband and brown trout that thrive on prolific insect hatches, a unique opportunity for the fly fishing enthusiast! On a rock point overlooking the stream step pools, Gearhart Mt, pine timber, meadows and sage sits the Ranch House; uniquely one of a kind, floor length windows, Southern pine beam ceiling, hickory, granite, historic barn wood, rock fireplace, wrap around deck & 3 car garage. In addition; the Fish Camp log cabin and the bunk house plus 3/2 MF home tucked in the pines by a water fall and 75 acre pasture. Well priced at \$1,760,000.



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Hand Carved Fly Fishing Screen - \$2000.00



Created by artist William Herrick for Big Sky Carvers, this screen features 3 24" panels and stands about 7' tall. The panels depict a bookcase with fly rods, reels and a creel. The frame is quarter-sawn oak and the panels are likely maple.

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