



NEWSLETTER

“Fly Tying Demonstrations”

with KCFC’s Experts



Calendar

January 16: P.L.A.Y. Outdoors

January 19: Club meeting with KCFC fly tying masters

February 16: Club meeting with Craig Nielson

March 11-12: NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon

March 15: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood

Happy New Year! As is our KCFC tradition, we kick off 2016 with a program that is always a big hit. Three of our own KCFC members, led by Ralph Carestia, will demonstrate how to tie a variety of flies that should be in your fly box. (Rumors are flying about who the other two tiers will be! Come to the meeting to find out!)

As in past years, cameras will be set up so that you can see what these experts are doing as they explain the steps and materials involved. They will also answer your questions about the flies and the tying techniques.

The meeting will be Tuesday, January 19th at Elmer’s Restaurant. Plan to be there around 6:00 for dinner and perhaps a sneak preview of what will presented at the 7:00 program.

See you there!



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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.”

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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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

Hope you all had a great Christmas. We had a very good Club Christmas dinner with a lot of good door prizes given out.

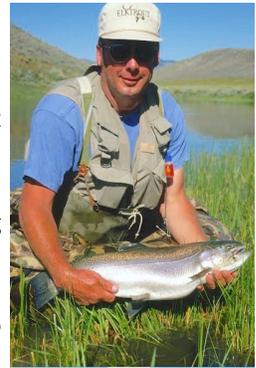
The New Year is just about here and will be when you read this. The new fishing regulations are available now; be sure to get a copy and check out the changes.

Plan on attending our January meeting on January 19 to watch some of our expert Club tiers tie flies.

If you are not tying your own, you should consider it for the New Year. It is a fun activity and I think rewarding to catch fish on a fly that you tied. John Krueger has a couple of tying sessions each month to help people get started. Talk to him about the times and come on out. You can learn to tie and enjoy some good fellowship with Club members at the same time.

We can use more help at the fairgrounds for the annual play event P.L.A.Y.= "Promoting Lifelong Activities For Youth" Outdoors. Our Club will be helping kids learn to tie a wooly worm and also how to cast a fly rod. The event will be from 9:30am to 4:30pm on January 16. Please come to the fairgrounds and give us a hand. You don't have to be an expert to help out.

Dick



Happy New Year!

Stay safe and warm!

P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS, January 16, 2016

P.L.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors brings community groups to the Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center to entertain children while, at the same time, introducing them to outdoor activities they may never have tried before.

On Saturday, January 16, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, teams of KCFC volunteers will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting. We have done this for the past several years, and it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding event for members and children alike. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for this upcoming event, please contact Education Chair, John Krueger, at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com or 541 539-1505 and he will be more than happy to add you to the list of volunteers as either a fly tying or fly casting instructor.

Volunteers do not need to be expert fly tiers to help with this community event. Remember, the fly we tie with the children is a very simple one! So join us for a fun day and help a child get interested in fly fishing!

IN MEMORIAM

Longtime KCFC member, John Staunton, passed away on December 14, 2015.

John was a leader in a number of community organizations as well as our Club, and will be missed by many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John's wife, Joan, and the whole Staunton family.



EGGS TO FRY

Sometime in February, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. This is a program that exists under a variety of names throughout the country, often called Trout in the Classroom. Here in Oregon it is "Eggs to Fry."



The children observe trout eggs growing to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. Last year, KCFC delivered eggs to 13 classrooms in 9 schools.

Jennifer Luke, a STEP Biologist with ODFW, High Desert Region, will be driving down from Bend and meeting Dale Zemke in Chemult to transfer eggs for transport to Klamath Falls. We plan to meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date, for breakfast at

Elmer's, at which time we will divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a particular classroom may need.

The feedback from the volunteers after delivery last year was delightful to read; it was a great experience for all involved. We can always use more assistance in activities like this, especially if there are conflicts that keep some volunteers from participating due to the nature of the last minute notice of the date. If you would like to help out, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at the January meeting, or contact our Club coordinator, Dale Zemke at 714 349-5129 or dale_zemke@yahoo.com. You could also contact Club Education Chair, John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com or 541 539-1505.

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INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

BEAD HEAD FLASHBACK PHEASANT TAIL

The Bead Head Flashback Pheasant Tail nymph pattern is a great improvement on this all-time classic Pheasant Tail pattern. The Pheasant Tail nymph is one of the most utilized nymph patterns in the history of the fly fishing for the simple reason that it works almost anywhere. Place a bead and flashback on this classic, and you have a refreshed version that is better than the original nymph. The Pheasant Tail can be tied in many colors with dyed Pheasant Tails in olive, black and others. The fly can be heavily weighted or tied sparse to allow it to react responsively to the current. I like to use the bead head version as a dropper under a dry or in a combo with a heavily weighted nymph. The addition of the flash back makes this fly show up well off-color water as well. There are many different variations and they all seem to work in various conditions.



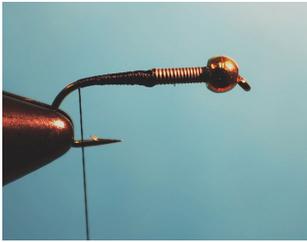
Recipe:

- Hook: TMC 5262 #12- #18
- Thread: 8/0 UNI Rusty Brown
- Bead: Gold Tungsten (sized to hook)
- Weight: Lead-free solder wire (sized to hook)
- Tail: Ringneck Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Rib: Fine Gold wire (size BR)
- Abdomen: Ringneck Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Wingcase: Ringneck Pheasant Tail Fibers for the under case
- Wingcase: Larva Lace Teazer Tinsel (Peril) for the over case
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Legs: Leftover butts of Pheasant tail from wing case

Instructions:

Place the tungsten bead on the hook (with the small hole toward the hook point) and slide it up to the eye of the hook. Wrap 20-25 turns of .15 non-lead wires around the shank behind the bead. Break off the ends and shove the non-lead wires into the back of the bead to center it and hold it in place.





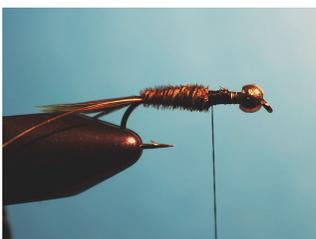
Start the thread behind the lead wraps and form a thread base tapering up onto the lead. Wrap the base back to the bend of the hook.

Select 6-8 pheasant tail fibers and strip them from the quill. Take the pheasant tail fibers and tie them in at the tail roughly equal to the length of $\frac{3}{4}$ the hook shank. Wrap forward over the butt ends to the sixty percent point on the shank and clip the remainder. Save the remaining clipped pheasant tail for the wingcase.



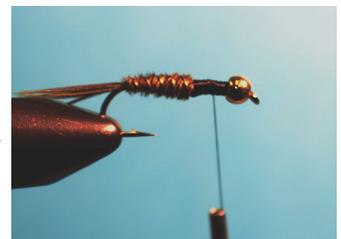
Tie in a piece of gold wire along the lower side of the shank and wrap back over it to the bend of the hook.

Select another bunch of PT. fibers, about six to eight, and clip the tip ends square. Tie the pheasant tail fibers in at the bend of the hook and secure. Continue the thread forward toward the front the hook stopping at about the 60% point.

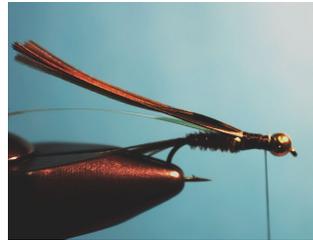


Wrap the pheasant tail fibers forward to just behind the bead, about the bead length or so back. Try to keep the fibers side by side as you wrap without overlapping them too much.

Counter-wrap the wire forward over the abdomen with five to seven evenly spaced turns. Tie the wire off at the 60% point and break off the excess.



Tie in a strand of Larva Lace Teazer Tinsel at the center of their length on top of the hook at the front edge of the abdomen. Then tie in the left over pheasant tail fibers up above the hook and bind them down across the top of the shank back to the base of the flash.



Select half a dozen or so peacock herls from the eye of the quill and tie them in by their tips. It helps to cut the tips square first to give yourself an even bunch to tie in. Create a thread loop and twist the peacock herls into a rope.



Wrap the peacock forward forming a bushy thorax. Tie the peacock off and clip the excess.

Pull the pheasant tail fibers forward over the top of the peacock herl thorax and tie them down at the back of the bead.



Pull 3-4 pheasant fiber back along each side of the hook and bind it in place.



Pull the teaser tinsel over the top of the pheasant tail fiber wingcase and tie them down at the back of the bead as well.

Trim the excess teaser tinsel then build a smooth thread "neck" behind the bead to cover the tie down area. Whip-finish the thread at the back of the bead in the neck area and clip the thread.



Coat top of the thorax with Loon UV Knot Sense and set using UV light. This will immediately harden, but may have a slightly matt finish, so coat with thin layer of head cement.



Completed Fly



Top View



Bottom View

MISSING DVDs



KCFC has a great library, located in the wooden cabinet at Elmer's. It is open during every meeting for Club members to peruse the shelves and choose something of interest. No librarian is needed; we go on the Honor System!

It was noted recently that ALL of the Club DVDs are gone and have been gone for some time. KCFC has quite a financial investment in these DVDs, and they are for all to share. Please look around your shelves at home.... If you find a DVD or book that belongs to the Club, please return it soon so that others may enjoy it, too!

Thanks!



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