



Klamath Country Fly Casters

March 2024



Wood River in Fort Klamath on March 4, 2024. Recent increase in snow pack should be good news for fishing this Summer.

President's Message

Yes, March roared in like a lion. Whew, can you say snow. I have been fishing on the McCloud. Although I grew up fishing the river, the complexity of the stretch I grew up fishing has changed so much I am now fishing parts of the river I know very little about. I will be taking a trip to fish the McCloud with a local expert in early May. Hopefully the river will be in good shape and restore some confidence in how to fish it again. Many people are spending time inside until the weather improves—I get it. I do not have much of a fishing report to share as I too look outside and reason it better to stay where it is warm and dry.

We do have some unfortunate news about two of our beloved group members—Harry and Mary Craig. When coming back from an archery tournament in southern California they were involved in a severe head on collision with another vehicle that crossed the lane of traffic. Harry and Mary survived the accident. Each was taken to an emergency room (ER) at a hospital in Fresno, California. Bones were broken. The other driver unfortunately passed away at the scene. Mary and Harry are recovering. It is a slow recovery. They will spend time recovering at the hospital in Fresno. Please feel free to contact me or Lois Krueger for further detail. Prayers are welcome.

On yet another note there is a scam going around fly fishing clubs. I was made aware of the scam by Steven Day of the Rogue Fly Fishers. He sent me an email a month ago:

Everyone,

Once again some low life is attempting to scam some of our folks!

No Club Officer, Board Member, Chair Person or Member will ever solicit by email, text or voicemail or any other method, any Club Member for the purpose of purchasing any gift cards, gift certificates, cashiers checks, money orders or payment to anyone or organization without the expressed in person authorization of the Club President or designee.

If you get one of these communications, do not open any link or attachment and do not follow any instructions contained therein and immediately contact the Club President or Officer of the Board.



Recently the above concern reached our club member, Laurie Brain, in charge of writing up our newsletter. She received such an email soliciting money from her personal account. The email stipulated she would be reimbursed by the club and or club president. Please be aware of this scam and do not entertain ideas suggested in their emails. If you are in doubt about any emails involving cash transactions—or any other transaction, please feel free to contact this writer, Peter Calvo for clarity on the matter. My contact information is listed on the 2023/2024 Membership Roster. Due to how these email scams work it is best not to open these emails.

Spring and the chance to fish is breaking upon us. Klamath Lake is now attracting fly fishing enthusiasts. Rocky Point and Eagle Ridge are places receiving due attention and are again producing big fish. Right now the lower Sacramento (the stretch from Redding (Posse Grounds to Anderson, CA) is reported to be fishing well. I have also heard a report on Diamond Lake fishing good at this time. However, at this time of year, Diamond Lake can be tricky as it still is icing over, so be aware of the possibility you may have to wait a bit.

The fly fishing enclave in Albany, OR at the fairgrounds is approaching. This will occur March 8th and 9th. Various activities from fly tying, to various classes on how to fish certain lakes and rivers, to classes on casting are being offered. It is a wonderful venue and one many in our club have attended over the years. I will be attending.

Peter Calvo
Club President





John Hyde giving casting tips

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Luis Esteban Hernandez



March Special Speaker

I'm Luis, an avid trout fly angler, fly tier, and fly-fishing instructor from Spain. I currently live in Klamath Falls, Oregon. I've been lucky enough to participate in various fishing competitions both nationally and internationally.

In 2011, I took part in the International Week of Leon in Spain, competing in river fishing against anglers from Spain, Portugal, and France.

Throughout the years, I've been part of numerous regional and international competitions, including the America's Cup and various National Championships in the US, Spain and France.

(Cont. Luis Esteban Hernandez)

Guiding and Instruction:

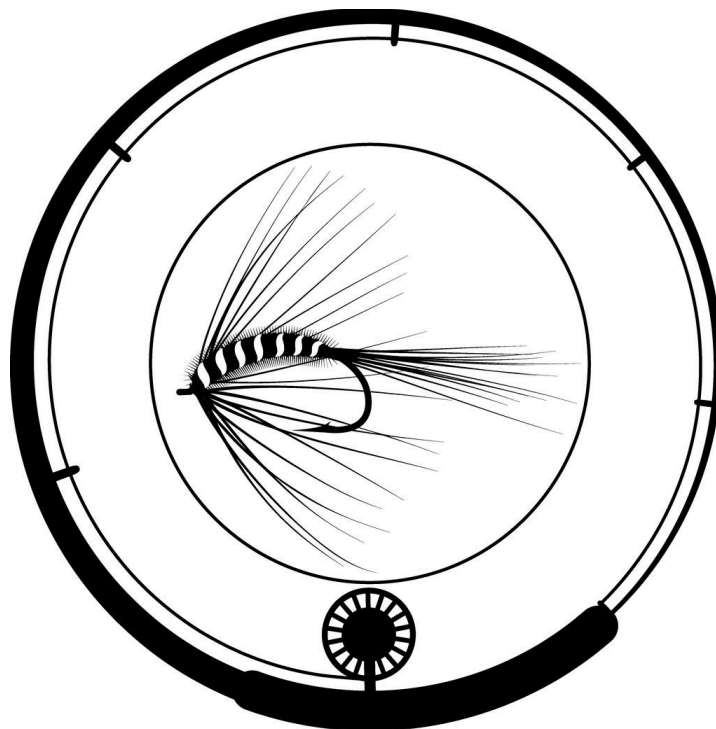
I'm a proud member of the Spanish Fly-Fishing International School (SSFFI). In 2022, I had the privilege of guiding and instructing the Lithuanian, Hungarian, and Australian National teams during the World Fly Fishing Championships in Asturias, Spain.

Notable competitors I've guided:

JOSH FLOWERS, TOM JARMAN, CRAIG DAWSON, JASON MAHONEY, VYTAUTAS ZEMAITIS, ROKAS RADOVICIUS, REMIGIJUS BOBINAS, MATAS SVENCIONIS, TOLGYESI LEVENTE, TOTH TIBOR, MARKOCZY ISTVAN, BALOG TIBOR, PALINGER ISTVAN

In 2021 and 2022, I received valuable lessons in advanced fly-fishing techniques from world fly fishing champions David Garcia Ferreras and Pablo Castro Pinos of the SSFFI school.

I enjoy sharing my knowledge and skills with others, whether they're beginners or seasoned pros.



Southern Oregon Fly Fishers March 19th Meeting



What Is Happening With Diamond Lake

Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will meet at 5:30 pm Tuesday, March 19th at the Wild River Pub - 533 NE F St, Grants Pass. Our guest speaker will be Greg Huchko, District Fisheries Biologist for the Roseburg District of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. His topic will be "What is Happening with Diamond Lake?"

Diamond Lake is a fishery in transition. Historically a Rainbow Trout fishery, the introduction of Tiger Trout and Brown Trout to control Tui Chub and other invasive species has dramatically changed the nature of the fishery. Greg will address the issues ODFW is facing with Diamond Lake and the tactics and strategies which are being employed to address them. He will also discuss the ramifications of these tactics and strategies and what may lie ahead. There will be a raffle at the end of the meeting.

We are extending an invitation to the Rogue Fly Fishers, Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers and Klamath Country Fly Casters as we all fish Diamond Lake and this program may be of interest. Happy hour is at 5:30, followed by a business meeting at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and the speaker at 8:00. You do not have to purchase dinner to attend. Feel free to show up at 7:45 and take a seat in the back of the room. No reservation is required to attend the meeting only for the program.

Dinner is available and reservations for dinner are required. Please make your reservations by no later than Thursday, March 14th. Cost of dinner is \$25 with a reservation and \$30 without one. Prepayment of the reservation will be appreciated. You can make your reservation by clicking on the button below. Check and cash will still be accepted at the door to pay for unpaid reservations. If you make an unpaid reservation and fail to show up you will be invoiced for the cost of the missed meal

[Click Here To Make A Dinner Reservation](#)



Winter at Diamond Lake 2023. Only ice fishing is happening on this day!

Klamath Country Fly Casters

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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.

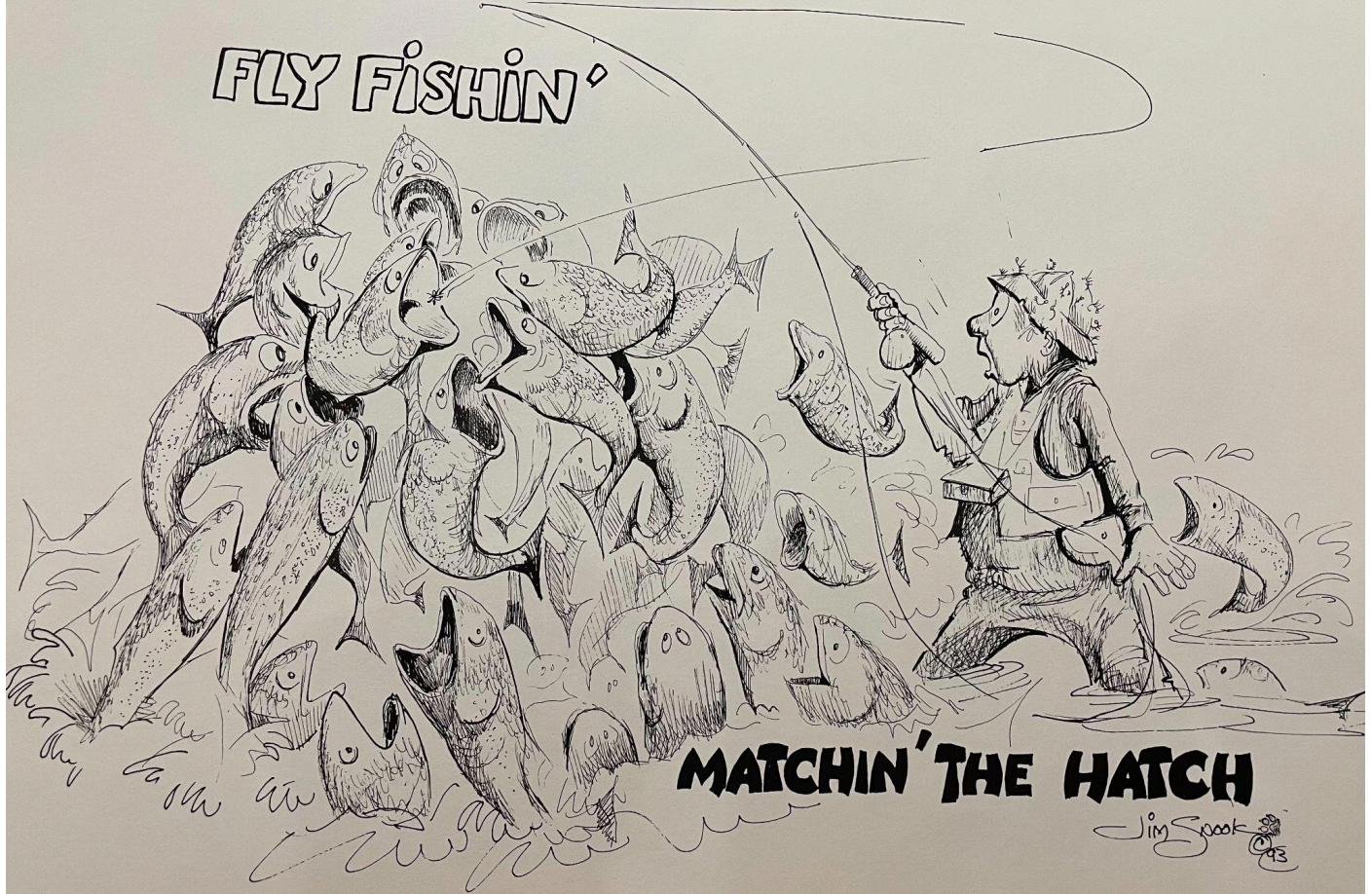
Meeting Calendar:

Date	Event	Speaker/Host	Location
March 12, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	Luis Esteban Hernandez	Waffle Hut Restaurant
April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	Bill Tinniswood <i>Angling Potential in Local Waters</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 14, 2024 6:00 p.m.	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant



Marshal giving a casting demo and advice

FLY FISHIN'



MATCHIN' THE HATCH

Jim Spook ©93

Black Drake Nymph



The Black Drake hatch is a terrific mayfly hatch for fly fisherman when you catch it right. Black drakes are the first of the large burrowing nymphs to hatch in May/June on the Williamson River and trout love to stuff themselves on these large brownish-purple mayflies! The hatches can be very dense. As they struggle and flounder on the surface trying to escape their nymphal shuck their wings look like a mess and offer trout an easy meal. These nymphs can be found in the upper Williamson River as well as other Southern Oregon trout streams.

On Southern Oregon's upper Williamson River as the daylight begins to fade these big brownish-purple mayfly nymphs will begin to crawl out of the silt and muck and wiggle their way to the surface. Once at the surface they emerge slowly and ride the water for some time before being able to fly away to the trees and shrubs nearby. For the Black Drake nymph pattern, I prefer to use a curved 2X nymph hook and a dubbing loop to make the abdomen fluffy. I like to use Ostrich Plumes for the natural's gill plates. Sizes of the fly range from #8 to #12. It is advisable to carry nymphs, emergers, and cripple patterns during this hatch. This is my pattern for the Black Drake Nymph.

The Black Drake nymph should be fished in shallow water pockets near the bank and behind rocks and logs. The "down and across" method works well in the shallow water where the nymphs have moved to crawl out of the water. Allow the fly to dead drift in the shallow water using a gentle stripping to mimic the swift darts of this excellent swimming nymph. The Black drake nymph pattern is a versatile subsurface pattern that can be fished actively (stripped) or dead drifted.

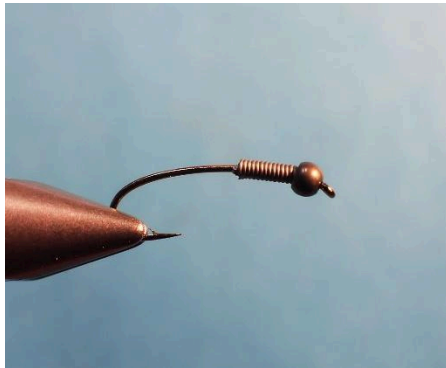
Materials

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 Bead Head Nymph Hook, #8 – 12
Bead:	Tungsten Natural (size to match hook)
Thread:	Semperfli Brown 8/0 thread
Tail:	Brown Ringneck pheasant tail fibers
Rib:	Dark Brown Ostrich Plumes
Gills:	Dark Brown Ostrich Plumes
Body:	Blended Buggy Nymph dubbing- Brown/dyed Maroon
Overbody:	Dark brown bug Skin

Wingcase: Dark brown bug Skin – Same as over body
Thorax: Arizona Semi Seal Dubbing - Blood leach
Legs: Brown Ringneck pheasant tail fibers

Instructions

1. Slip a natural tungsten bead onto the hook. Wrap 10-16 turns of .015 lead-free solder and position hook in vise. Attach tying thread and wrap base layer of thread onto the rest of the hook shank.



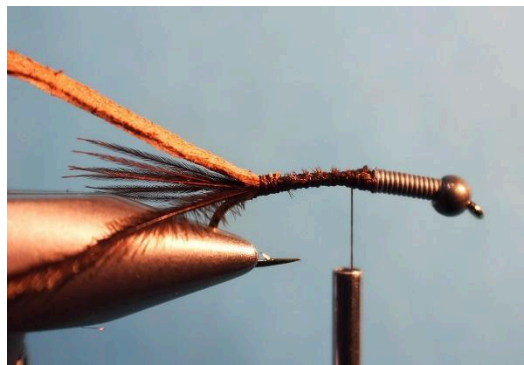
2. Select five to seven dark brown pheasant tail fiber tips and wrap them down with thread so that they extend off the back of the hook about the length of the hook gape.



3. Clip a single fiber of dark brown Ostrich fiber from the plume and wrap it down to the hook shank so that it extends just above the barb of the hook.



4. Cut a thin (1/8") Strip of the Dark brown bug Skin. Wrap the thread forward and back over the bug Skin to the bend of the hook, taking care to keep the bug Skin on top of the shank.



5. Twists a good amount of UV blended Brown/dyed Maroon dubbing onto the thread and then wrap the dubbing forward to the 3/4 point just behind the bead.



- Spiral wrap the Dark Brown Ostrich fiber forward over the body to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point with about 6-8 evenly spaced turns.



- Pull the Dark brown bug Skin forward over the body, letting it flatten out a bit as you do. Tie the Dark brown bug Skin down behind the bead with a several firm wraps of thread over the lead-free solder.



- Cut a thin Strip (about $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook gape) of the dark brown bug skin. Wrap the thread forward to form the wing case, taking care to keep the bug Skin on top of the shank.



9. Twists a good amount of UV Arizona Semi Seal Dubbing (Blood leach) dubbing onto the thread for the thorax of the fly and then wrap the dubbing forward to the eye just behind the bead.



10. Select two sets of six dark brown pheasant tail fibers from the quill so their tips become even. Tie each set on each side of the peacock to form the legs. Clip the excess and return the thread to the front edge behind the bead.



11. Pull the dark brown bug skin firmly forward and tie our tie wing case off tightly behind our bead. Clip the end of the as close to the bead as you can. Build a smooth thread head and whip-finish the thread.

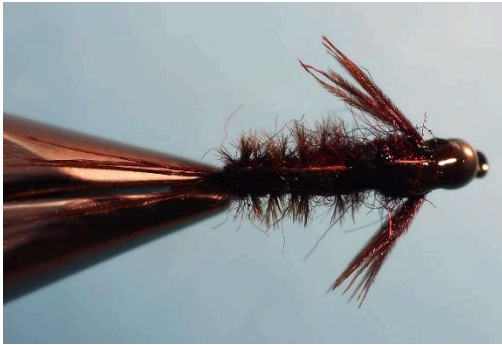


12. Coat all the dark brown bug skin with Loon Outdoors UV Thin Clear Fly Finish. This will darken the bug skin and make it glossy.





Final Fly



Top view



Bottom View