



NEWSLETTER

“Fly Tying Demonstrations”

with Ralph Carestia and John Krueger



Calendar

January 17: Club meeting with Ralph Carestia

January 21: PLAY Outdoors

January 31: Fly Tying Roundtable

Late January or Early February: Eggs to Fry

Have you paid your dues? Please do!

Happy New Year!

This is the KCFC program you all have been waiting for! Ralph Carestia and John Krueger will be demonstrating fly tying techniques and patterns. There will be cameras and microphones set up, and they will narrate how to tie the flies as their work is projected onto the big screen at the front of the room.

Ralph and John will explain the materials used, the steps involved, and when and where that particular fly should be used. It will all be happening live, and they will answer your questions as they are tying.

The meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th at Elmer’s Restaurant. Plan to be there around 6:00 for dinner and perhaps a preview of what will be 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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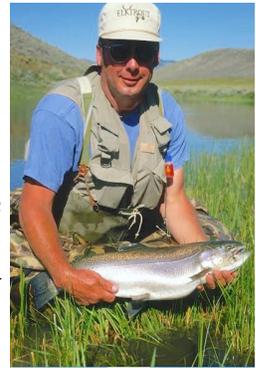
Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer’s Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

The January meeting will feature Ralph Carestia and John Krueger tying flies. Come and watch two experts tie flies that will catch fish in your favorite waters.

We will start selling tickets for our special fund raising raffle at this meeting. The winner will receive a ten foot, 5 weight Echo 3 rod, an Echo reel, an airflo line, flies that I guarantee will catch fish in the Upper Williamson River, and an all-day fly fishing outing on the Yamsi Ranch with John Hyde guiding you. The day will conclude with a fine dinner at the Yamsi Ranch. Tickets for this fantastic deal will sell for \$5 each.



Again, remember that this is our election year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please see John Hyde, our nomination chairman.

On Jan. 21, 2017 come on out to the fairgrounds and join in the fun of teaching kids how to tie flies or cast with a fly rod.

I look forward to hearing some good fish stories at the meeting.

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!



P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS

P.L.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors is with us again. On Saturday, January 21st, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, a team of volunteers from our Club will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting at the Event Center in the Klamath County Fairgrounds. We have done this for the past four 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 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 tyer instructor or you can help John Hyde as a fly casting instructor. Remember, the fly we tie is a very simple one, so you do not need to be an expert as ugly flies are quite acceptable in a child's eye. So go for a fun day and help a kid get interested in fly fishing!

Klamath Country Fly Casters Raffle

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Echo 3 Fly Rod, 10 foot, 5 weight

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One full day of guided fly fishing on the famous Upper

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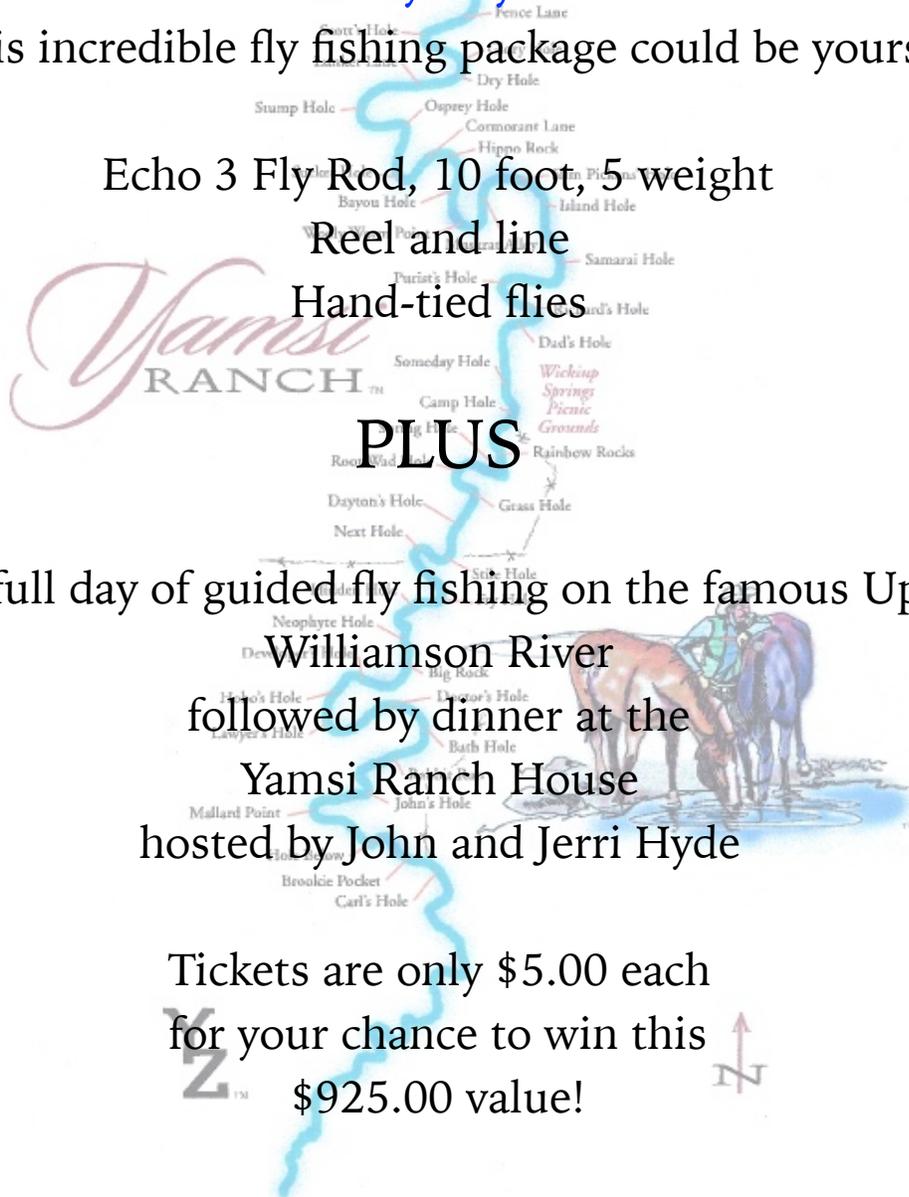
hosted by John and Jerri Hyde

Tickets are only \$5.00 each

for your chance to win this

\$925.00 value!

Proceeds benefit local conservation efforts



Invite a friend to join KCFC! Dues are still only \$35.00 for two voting members!

EGGS TO FRY CLASSROOM PROGRAM

Fish in a classroom is one of those magical activities that . . .

- catches kids' interest in the real world,
- facilitates learning in science and math, and
- can be the nucleus of learning activities in language arts, social studies and fine arts at any grade level.



Caring daily for the fish as they develop from egg to fry fosters a sense of stewardship for wild things and where those wild things live. And best of all, it's fun.

Sometime in January or perhaps 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 learn how trout grow from eggs to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds.

Jennifer Luke, a STEP Biologist with ODFW, High Desert Region, with the assistance of Akimi King of the USFW here in Klamath Falls, will be coordinating the classrooms and schools, and will arrange to have the trout eggs transferred to the Klamath Fish Hatchery near Chiloquin where we will pick them up and transport them to Klamath Falls. We normally meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date for breakfast at Elmer's, 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 in past years has always been delightful to read. It is 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 on this, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Education Chairman, John Krueger at jk@timfliesoutfitters.com or 541 539-1505.

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INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

THE YAMSI WOLF

The Yamsi Wolf Nymph was developed for Yamsi Ranch in honor of a grey wolf that was being monitored at Yamsi Ranch. Although the Yamsi Wolf Nymph was created as a generic nymph pattern it does a particularly good job in imitating the mayflies that hatch throughout the West.

In most cases these flies are tied with a tungsten bead along with added lead-free solder to the underbody of the fly to aid in weighing down the fly. Since the fly will be moving along the bottom it will be very hard to tell when fish are taking the fly. This fly should be fished with an upstream and across presentation that has the fly drifting near the bottom drag-free for long stretches or runs of the river. As the fly proceeds to drift downstream a few timely mends of the line will be necessary to keep the fly riding deep and in the strike zone. Takes can come at any time during the drift so do not get lulled to sleep near the end of a long drift and lose a trophy fish by not paying attention. I believe it will become a go-to fly for many anglers, since the weight, size and shape represent a large range of mayfly nymphs.



Recipe:

Yamsi Wolf - Grey

Hook: Daiichi 1760 - Curved Nymph, Hook 2X Long - Size #12- #16
 Thread: Grey 8/0 Venue
 Bead: Metal Grey Tungsten
 Weight: Lead-free solder wire
 Tail: Light Moose Hair
 Rib: Fine Silver wire (size BR)
 Abdomen: Grey Thread
 Wingcase: Dark Grey Elk Hair
 Thorax: Peacock herl
 Legs: Partridge Hackle

Yamsi Wolf - Olive

Hook: Daiichi 1760 - Curved Nymph, Hook 2X Long - Size #12- #16
 Thread: Olive 8/0 Venue
 Bead: Gold Tungsten (sized to hook)
 Weight: Lead-free solder wire (sized to hook)
 Tail: Dun Moose Hair
 Rib: Fine Gold wire (size BR)
 Abdomen: Olive Thread
 Wingcase: Olive- Grey Elk Hair
 Thorax: Peacock herl
 Legs: Olive Hen Saddle

Instructions:

Start by placing the bead on the curved nymph hook and then wrapping about twelve to fifteen turns of .015 lead-free solder on the shank behind the bead. Move the bead and lead to about the 25% point behind the eye.



Start the thread at the front of the hook and build a small wedge of thread against the front of the bead. Cross the thread over the bead and build a wedge of thread against the back edge of the lead-free solder. This wedge will keep the lead wraps tightly together and hold everything in place as we tie. Wrap the thread forward and back over the lead in wide spirals to create a somewhat smooth underbody. Continue the thread base back to the bend of the hook.

Clip and stack a small portion of Moose Hock hair and tie it in for the tail of the fly. At this point do not clip the excess moose hair simply just cover it with thread along the taper of the body. Clip the excess moose hair so that it stays out of your way.



Tie in a small section of BR size wire extending off of the back of the hook shank to be used to rib the lower body of the fly later. Wrap the thread forward and back over the lead to just behind the bead creating a somewhat smooth tapered underbody.

Wrap the copper wire forward up the tapered body in the same direction that you wrapped the thread for the body.



Clip and stack a small portion of elk hair and tie in just behind the bead. Wrap your thread over the hair to about the diameter of the bead behind the tungsten bead.

Clip a nice peacock herl from near the eye of a peacock tail feather and tie it in at the front of the abdomen. Wrap the peacock herls forward to the back of the bead, forming a thick thorax. Tie the peacock off and clip the excess. Wrap the thread to the front of the bead and complete a taper between the eye of the hook and the front of the bead.



Select a nicely mottled partridge feather that has barbs just a bot shorter than the hook shank. Strip the fibers from the base of the feather, and stroke the fibers back along the stem exposing the tip. Tie the tip of the feather in at the front of the bead with the concave side of the feather toward the hook shank. Strip the barbs of the far side of the feather



Wrap the feather two to three turns, right in front of the bead and tie it off. Don't overdo the hackle! Clip the excess feather stem.



Clip the hackle fibers on the top of the fly in front of the bead. Pull the Elk Hair fibers forward over the top of the peacock thorax, bead and hackle to create a curved wing case for the fly. Cut the excess elk hair at a taper and create a smooth head for the fly.





Form a neat head then whip finish and cement.



BOTTOM VIEW



TOP VIEW

EXPO NEWS, contributed by Dale Zemke

The NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, organized and presented by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, is just around the corner. Scheduled for March 10 and 11, in Albany, Oregon, the Expo has been heralded as the “largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi.” At the Expo you will be part of a crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers who are building their knowledge and seeing old friends. Please visit the web site at <http://nwexpo.com> for all the details. Seminar listings will be posted on the web site and you can register to attend now before they are sold out.



But even more important is the need for volunteers to go to the Expo as club representatives. We have had a number of members volunteer the last three years, and it is amazing just how much fun everyone has at this event. It is a great way to spend a few days with friends.

We will no longer be sponsoring the Knot Tying Table as a club as we have in the past. The Knot Tying Table has been reduced to a single table in the Fly Tying Demonstration Area and will be staffed by volunteers through the Expo volunteer process.

By a separate email, you will be given instruction on how you can volunteer for specific tasks and time slots at the Expo, including the Knot Tying Table. Take a look at it and see what you might like to get involved in at the Expo - especially if you plan to attend anyway.

The Expo is a hoot and very relaxed and with great times in the evening as well. If you have not attended in the past - I think you would find it to be a great way to spend a weekend. And if you go, volunteer or not, let Lois Krueger (lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com) or Dale Zemke (dale_zemke@yahoo.com) know so they can advise you of any gatherings for dinners.

The Oregon Council of IFFF supports our Club with funds for conservation projects. We need to support them with volunteers!

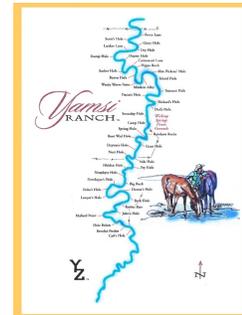
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Hand Carved Fly Fishing Screen - \$2000.00



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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