



KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

This Month Greg Bulkley Will Give Us Insight Into Chasing Strippers ----- Sorry, I Mean Stripers ---- Off Cape Cod!

One tradition of our Club is to have one of our own members share their personal fishing experiences now and then, as an alternative to our usual more professional speakers. Our speaker at the May meeting will be one of our Past Presidents, Greg Bulkley, who will talk about chasing stripers off Cape Cod before the crowds arrive in the Spring. Fairly new to striped bass fishing, Greg's perspective is that of a relative beginner, fishing both with world class guides on boats and from the beach on his own, but with surprisingly gratifying results. He will cover the remarkably affordable basics of travel, lodging, guides, gear, and techniques for the East Coast, many of which might well be applicable to fishing for stripers nearby, in the San Francisco Bay area and other West Coast sites.



CALENDAR

May 7: Club Outing to Upper Sacramento River - Mark Kelly Stream Keeper
 May 15: Club Meeting - Greg Bulkley presentation on
 June 2: Annual Casting Clinic at Moore Park
 Date TBD: Annual Club BBQ/Picnic

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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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

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Fly Tying Events: Ralph Carestia	Programs: Bob Kingzett
Membership: Mark Kelley	Social Events & Auction: Lois Krueger
Mentoring: Dave Biddison	

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 MESSAGE from Carol Ann Meadows

Wow! What a great month for KCFC!

For starts, thank you to all who turned out for our most successful fundraising auction yet. Thank you to all the contributors for the great donated items. And, many thanks to Lois Krueger and her committee of helpers for a job well done. It was an amazing evening!



After being notified that several Boy Scouts in the community wanted to earn their Fly Fishing merit badge, Greg Williams, John Hyde and Greg Havens stepped up to help mentor them. They taught the Scouts fly tying and coached casting techniques. This fits so well into our KCFC stated goal of encouraging youth to learn our preferred method of angling and I am grateful to the time and effort given by these gentlemen.

Several months ago, KCFC was approached by the High Desert Trail Riders chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon to participate in their "Horse Packing and Wilderness Skills Clinic" during the first weekend of May. Our certified casting instructor, John Hyde, will be on hand to teach casting basics. There will also be two or three KCFC members teaching basic fly tying like we do at PLAY Outdoors. This is yet another great way to promote our Club in the community and proves to be a fun event.

Spring is well and truly here, and, hopefully, we are all moving toward the streams, rivers and lakes that have been calling to us all winter. Peter Calvo and Mark Kelley are sponsoring a Club outing to the Upper Sac in early May, and there are about ten members already signed up! Outings, large or small, near or far, are the best way to solidify friendships within the Club. Outings are also a good opportunity to invite a friend and introduce them to KCFC. Contact Jim Ricks for ideas and encouragement to lead an outing of your own!

See you all at the Club meeting on May 15th!

Carol



Club Outing: Upper Sacramento River, California

LEAD BY: Mark Kelley & Peter Calvo

WHEN: Monday, May 7, 2018

WHERE: Upper SAC river, near Dunsmuir, CA, Cantara Loop

CATCHING: Rainbow trout

ROD: Light weight 4 or 5 weight rod

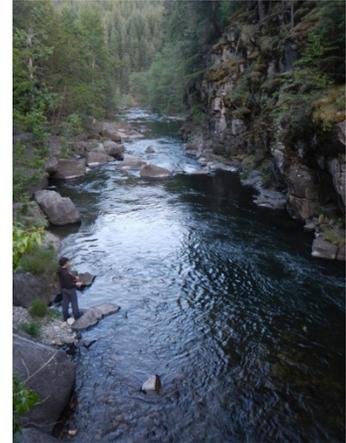
Flies: Dry flies: Stoneflies (salmon or golden), BWO, PMD, Spotted sedge. Wet flies: Prince nymph, Copper John, Birds nest, Midges

CALIFORNIA LICENSE: Purchase California license at Parkers Rod and Gun in Klamath Falls before leaving or at Ted Fey Fly Shop in Dunsmuir.

Take Along: Lunch, water, stout wading staff, and cleats on wading boots if possible.

TRAVEL: Meet at Veterans Park on west end of town near Lake Ewana by 8 am on May 7. Return by 7 pm.

CONTACT: Mark Kelley at 541-883-1850 or kelleyme6@aol.com to let him know you are interested in participating.



Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Jim Ricks at 541-205-3274 or mtnestinor@gmail.com and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Jim your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Jim will then see that the word of the event gets out in a club-wide email to announce your invitation to go fishing, and he will tell those interested to contact you directly.



Youth Activity Opportunity:

Although this is not a “Fly Fishing” event, it is an opportunity to have fun with a group of kids and hook them on fishing:

Save the dates! Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is hosting two Fishing Field trips with students from Chiloquin Elementary (4th & 6th grades) and Ponderosa Middle School (6th grade) on **May 17 & 18** at the Crater Lake Campground on Highway 62.

ODF&W would appreciate some help from the Klamath Country Fly Casters! They need volunteers to instruct at the various stations and/or help kids fish. Contact Marshal Moser at marshalmoser@gmail.com or Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com if you can help on either day or both days. They will advise Jennifer Luke, of ODF&W, of your assistance.

Schedule for Both Days:

9:15 Students arrive at Crater Lake Campground

9:30 Welcome and introduction

9:45 Hooks and Ladders - Salmon Survival Game (everyone)

Smaller groups rotate through 3 or 4 stations

10:05 - 10:30 Station (care of the catch, catch and release, fish anatomy/identification)

10:30 - 10:55 Station (casting practice & water safety)

10:55 - 11:25 Station (knot tying, **fly fishing practice and flies**, & macroinvertebrates)

11:25-Noon Lunch (bring a sack lunch)

Noon - 2:00 Fishing in Pond

2:15 – 2:30 Buses leave

Directions to the Crater Lake Campground: 57575 Highway 62

Take Hwy 97 North. Turn left onto Hwy 62W. The Crater Lake Campground is 3-4 miles north of Fort Klamath but south of Annie Creek. You will see it on your right just after two small ponds where we will go fishing.



2018 Annual Club Auction:

This year's auction was a huge success. There were those that voiced opinions that doing it at the Ranch House at the Running Y would diminish attendance for a variety of reasons such as resistance to change, would not drive out that far, etc. As it turned out, it could not have been a better decision. Seating was set for 90 guests, and we ended up with standing room only. The venue itself was well suited to the event and the food was perfection and plentiful. The salad alone drew people back for seconds. It turned out to be a perfect evening with great camaraderie and enthusiastic bidders.

The items available for purchase this year were exceptional and because of the attendance and the items, the Club hit a new high in revenue. The \$6,786.00 net proceeds was well above what was hoped-for, and will allow the Club to continue to fund OIT Scholarships, Youth Education, Conservation and Watershed Restoration Projects. A huge thank you to those that donated to the Auction and especially to those that opened their wallets and bid enthusiastically on those wonderful items. And a hearty thanks to Lois Krueger and her team of volunteers that made this event possible and so successful.



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Many many thanks for a successful 2018 Klamath Country Fly Casters Auction.

It would not have been possible without all of you.

During the entire year, we plan for this one special evening to raise money for education and conservation. It is not something that just gets thrown out there....it takes a lot of planning and hard work. Several club members spent a lot of time and energy designing and crafting custom items to be auctioned off. This year I had an exceptional group at my side helping every step of the way. I would like to personally thank Mary & Harry Craggs, John & Jerri Hyde, Peg Edwards, Dale Zemke, Terri & Mel Twyman, Mary & Greg Havens, Peter Calvo, Jack & Carol Ann Meadows and finally my husband John, who had to put up with the disaster our home was in during the past few months of the preparation. This year was a tremendous success and it's all because of you!

Thanking you again - Lois Kruger



This Year's Club Special Raffle:
Win 10 - Count Them! - 10 Rod Days on Hyde Lake
For the 2018 Fishing Season
A \$1,500.00 Value for the Price of a \$5.00 Ticket!

These Rod Days can be any combination - 1 Angler for 10 days, 2 Anglers for 5 Days, 10 Anglers for 1 Day or any combination of Anglers and Days that totals 10 Rod Days!

Hyde Lake, located 15 miles from the main house at Yamsi Ranch, is 300 acres and home of hard fighting, line stripping, knuckle busting Rainbow Trout reaching upwards of 33". The lake is stocked every spring with 7"-10" trout and the abundance of leaches, damsels, may flies, and other aquatic life help them to almost double their size in the first year.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the winning ticket will be drawn at the May 15th 2018 Club Meeting. The winner does not need to be present to win.

These tickets can be sold to anyone, member or non-member of the Club. So, get friends to go in on this with you whether a club member or not. Sell tickets to family and friends. It is a terrific opportunity to win a package that has a retail value of \$1,500.00. A rare chance to win an awesome fishing opportunity.



Discount Opportunities for Club Members:

An Alaska Fly Fishing Opportunity:

My name is Matt Bertke and I am the owner of Chelatna Lake Lodge in Alaska. Chelatna Lake Lodge is a remote lodge located just outside of the South West corner of Denali National Park, accessible only by small bush plane.

Primarily we are a rainbow trout fishery, but we also catch arctic grayling, lake trout, northern pike, and all 5 types of pacific salmon.

The lodge has been in my family for 30 years, and we have focused on sport fishing, both spin tackle and fly fishing. 2 years ago, I bought the lodge from my folks and have been living up here year round ever since.

Although we do still accommodate spin fishermen, we are transitioning towards primarily catch and release fly fishing. I am an avid fly fisherman, and I love hosting other fly-fishers and showing them my local waters which I grew up fishing.

To get some more seasoned fly fishermen to my lodge, I wanted to offer all of the KCFC club members a discounted price on a remote fly fishing trip to Alaska. I would be happy to honor this discount to anyone in the club, along with anyone they choose to bring with them. 20% off anyone in the club and their party! (2018 Summer Season Only)

I would love to answer any questions you might have about the lodge.

Contact Matt Bertke at 907-243-7767 or www.chelatna.com

Reminder - the following offer PAID MEMBERS of the Klamath Country Fly Casters Club discounts when making a purchase

Parker's Rod & Gun Rack at 7364 S 6th St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented

The Ledge at 369 S 6th St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented.

Timeflies Outfitters at 541-539-1505 or jk@timefliesoutfitters.com offers up to a 15% discount on fly tying materials & tools as well as all fly fishing gear & flies, to current members of the Club



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Hexagenia Mayflies



Hexagenia Mayflies are very easy to identify. They hatch late in the evening and they are huge. These very large, clumsy mayflies can even get the largest trout to start gulping and slurping duns and spinners on the surface. After a couple days of hatching the *Hexagenia limbata* spinners will join the emerging duns in the twilight hours of darkness. At this time you switch from a Hex dun or emerger fly pattern to a large Hex spinner pattern. All in all, if you hit this hatch right you can enjoy fishing for large trout from dusk until around midnight when the last spinners drop to the water.

The **Foam Extended Body Drake** is a durable, high floating and life like Pattern. The Foam Drake is usually tied in larger sizes (#08-12), but the same techniques can be used to imitate small mayfly species. The Foam is one fun fly to tie, give it a try!

Fly Tying Recipe:

Hook:	Daiichi 1280 Size #08-#12
Body Thread:	Veevus GSP Denier 100 - Yellow for extended body
Thread:	Ultra Denier 70 - Hopper yellow for Fly
Tail:	Yellow Mayfly microfiber tail
Body:	Yellow 2MM Thin Foam
Thorax:	UV2 fine and dry dubbing - Hexagenia
Thorax 2:	Natural Dun died yellow - Whiting Rooster Cape
Wing:	Light Yellow Para Post



Instructions

Extended body Instructions

1. Place the curved pin fits in the jaws of your tying vice.



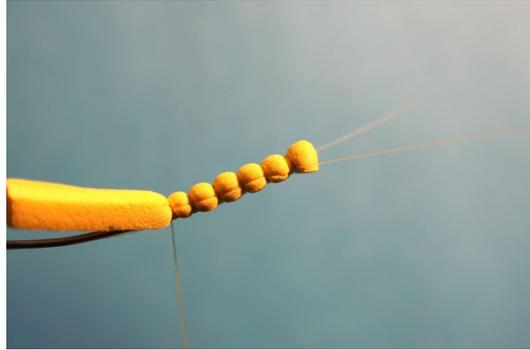
2. Loop yellow GSP thread through the back of the pin, then attach the thread near the tip of the wire.



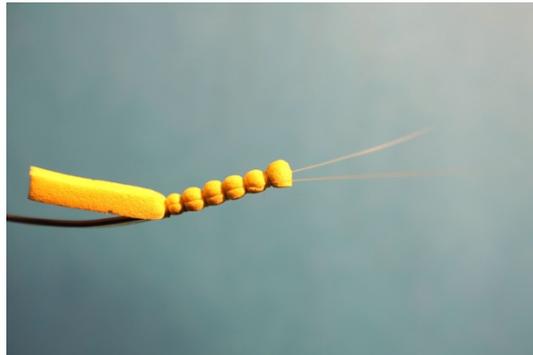
3. Fold a narrow strip of foam in half, tip of the pin in the middle of the strip. Stretch the foam tight to the pin and wrap your thread around it to form a segment.



4. Tie in a microfiber tail on each side of the foam then open the foam and wind your thread forwards slightly. Stretch the foam and wrap your thread to form a segment.



5. Repeat for the length of body you need, then whip-finish the final segmentation.

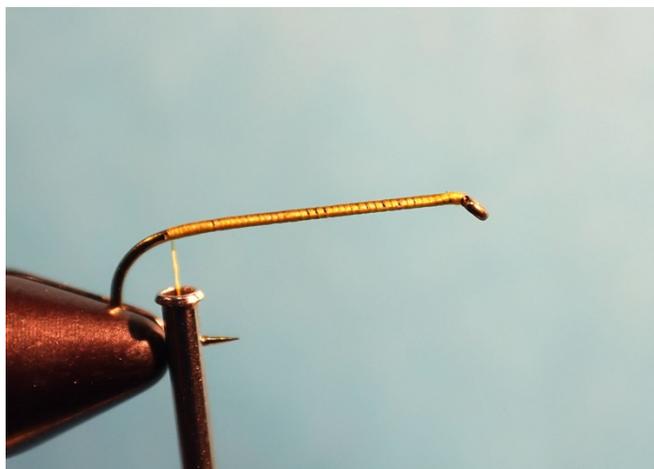


6. Push the body off the needle and you have a very neat detached foam body.

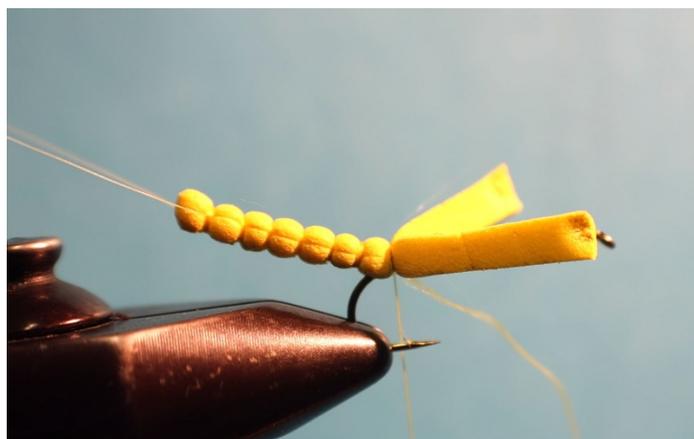


Completing the fly

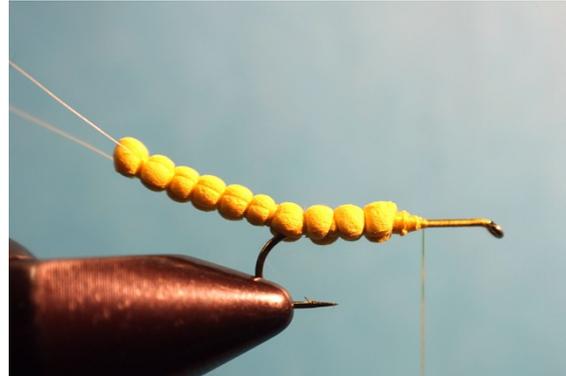
7. Place a hook in the vise and start the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap a thread base to the bend.



8. Lay the foam body up the hook to the 1/3 point from the eye. Continue by stretching. Stretch the foam tight to the hook and wrap your thread around it to form a segment attached to the hook.



9. Stretch the foam and wrap your thread to form a set of segments on the hook as you did before. Pull the strip of foam tightly forward and tie in around the hook until you reach the 1/3 point behind the eye of the hook. Trim the excess at an angle with your scissors.



10. Pull a strand of Light Yellow Para Post from the package. Tie the Light yellow Para Post in at its midpoint at the 75% point on the shank with two or three tight turns of thread. Pull both wings above the hook forming one single wing. Begin to post the wing by wrapping the thread clockwise around the base of the wing. Build a thread post at the bottom of the wing that is about one to one and a half eye lengths tall.



11. Select two Natural Dun died yellow feather with matching barb lengths and stack them one on top of the other, inside to outside. Prepare their bases by stripping a few fibers from the quill exposing the stem for a length of about three or four eye lengths. Tie these feathers in at the same time (with the insides of the feathers toward the hook shank) in front of the wing. Wrap over the stems all the way to the top of the thread post and back down again to the base of the post.



12. Start wrapping the dubbing with the first turn at the base of the foam body and work forward forming a pronounced taper to the back of the wing. Cross the dubbing to the front of the wing and continue the body with the dubbing tapering back down at the back of the index point. I find this is much easier to do with a very thin layer of dubbing on the thread versus trying to taper the dubbing on the thread itself.



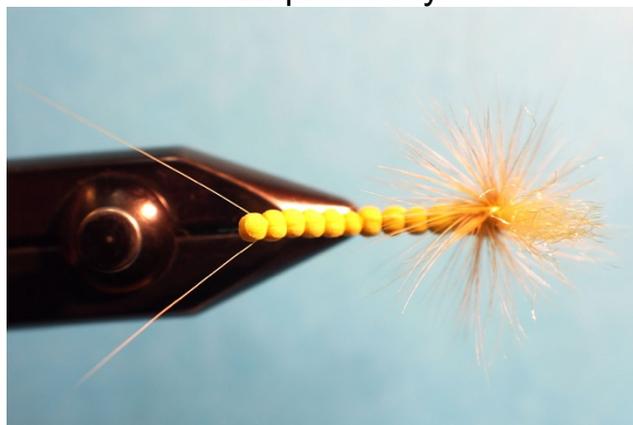
13. Grasp the tips of the hackle feathers in a pair of Hackle Pliers and begin wrapping the feathers at the top of the thread post. Make the first turn of hackle at the top of the post with each successive turn under the last, working down to the base of the post.



14. Once at the base of the wing, pull the hackle feathers down on the far side of the hook. Holding the hackle out of the way with your right hand, tie off the hackle tips immediately behind the hook eye. Clip the thread. Apply a small drop of head cement at the base of the wing and another on the thread head and you're done!



Completed Fly



Top View



