



NEWSLETTER

“Going, Going, GONE!” *the annual KCFC Auction*



That’s right, it’s time for the KCFC auction again! This year’s fundraising event will be held during the April 21st regular Club meeting. The auction committee has been planning for this ever since they closed the books on last year’s auction, and they hope the 2015 event will be every bit as fun and successful!

There are some amazing items included in this year’s auction! There are books, artwork, fly-tying tools and equipment, and several interesting “baskets.” Jon Wayland has donated a beautiful spey rod he made just for this event. Wait until you see the gorgeous reel seat and hand-painted decoration! There are day trips to area private waters to bid on, and there is even a two-for-one deal offered at the Katmai Lodge in Alaska! **(You will bid on being the one to receive to two-for-one deal; you still have to pay for the actual trip.)** There are hand-made items: a stunning maple burl coffee table, a delightful birdhouse, and a great fly-tying station. And, rumor has it that Terri Twyman will bring pies! There is much, much more in the auction, so be sure to come early to view all your choices!

The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 and close at about 7:00 when John Hyde and Dick Siemens will preside over the Oral Auction. Bring your friends and neighbors! Let’s make this auction the best one yet!

Calendar

April 12: Club outing to Pronghorn Ranch (Dale Zemke)

April 21: Annual Auction

May 15: Club outing to Diamond Lake (Doug Barnes)

May 19: Club meeting with Phillip Rowley: Stillwater Fishing; Club Elections

May 23: Wiest Ranch Work Party and BBQ

May 30: Link River Festival

June 6: Casting Tune-Up at Moore Park

June 12: Showing of the Frank Moore film “Mending the Line”

June 15: R.A.P. Camp



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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.

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

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest KCFC members! Make sure to look for **Don and Connie Mausshardt** at the next meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome them into our fly fishing family!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

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Membership: Mark Kelley

Mentoring: Dave Biddison

Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

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Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke



April is the month of our primary fund raising event, our annual auction. As I am certain that you are aware, the club has ongoing expenses that are related to our Guest Speakers, Education Outreach, Conservation and Stream Restoration, Raffles, and of course the routine expenses that are encountered by any organization such as supplies, postage, etc. As an example, this years non-Conservation expenses will be approximately \$8,000.00. Our membership dues have brought in \$2,275. the remaining income comes from monthly raffle ticket sales (\$1,275 so far this year) the Progressive Raffle (\$445 - not counting any funds from the March Mtg.). That accounts for about 50% of what we need to get through the year, if we do not spend anything on Conservation - that is just to cover non-conservation related expenses. So you can see just how important the proceeds of the Auction are to the financial health of the Club, in addition to the Raffle Ticket Sales and Progressive Raffle Ticket sales, which get us well beyond the annual Membership Dues income.

Now that we can provide you a receipt for a donation of items for Raffles and/or the Auction, or cash donations for our Conservation efforts, I would hope that everyone would do what is comfortable in the way of additional support to the club. One way is to recruit additional members so that the pool of membership income increases as well as more people to purchase raffle tickets and bid on items at the Auction. That is an effort that does not cost you anything, but is very beneficial to the club's health. If you have items to donate for the Auction, it is not too late - contact Lois Krueger - lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com or 541-539-1555.

I also encourage you to take advantage of some really great items at this year's auction - Lois, Carol Ann and Peg have done one heck of a job in securing fishing trips, both local and distant, that you can pool with a fishing buddy to give us a good bid on them, and an awesome selection of items that is kind of like a kid going into a toy or candy store. So come to the April 21st meeting - even if you do not intend to bid on anything. It is a fun evening, and who knows, you just may find the item you have been looking for at a great price. And you get a chance to see John Hyde and Dick Siemens in action - they are one fine team. And John now has a gavel to hammer home your winning bid.

So - until we join together on April 21st - "Tight Lines!"

Dale

CONSERVATION REPORT, by Greg Bulkley

Our next project will be to complete our Club's generous obligation to the Wiest Ranch Project on the Lower Williamson River by planting and caging native shrubs along the river bank. This \$32,500 project was funded by grants we successfully obtained from the Oregon Chapter of the IFFF (ORCIFFF) and from the national office of the IFFF, and from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (via Sue Mattenberger) and the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, stimulated by \$1500 from our own Club's Conservation Fund. We will meet at 9 A.M on the Saturday morning of May 23, (opening day for fishing the Lower Williamson) and expect to be done working by noon or 1:00 o'clock so as to enjoy fishing and a barbecue generously provided by the landowner. (Precise directions will follow in the May Newsletter.) I will be joined by Sue and Jared Bottcher of the KBRT to help organize things. You need bring only a shovel, some work gloves, your fishing gear, your enthusiasm, and your appetite. Please mark your calendar so that you can help our Club continue its stellar record of fisheries restoration here in the Klamath Basin, work that has become a model for Oregon and the rest of the country. There will be a sign-up sheet provided at the April and May Club meetings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KCFC has three events coming up that desperately need warm bodies to make happen. They are all critical to our outreach to the community, to youth, and to our conservation and stream restoration activities.



Saturday, May 23rd: the Wiest Ranch Conservation Work Party This is, like many in the past, a labor intensive event. It is the planting of sedge, grass and willows, as well as caging the plants to protect them from animals. This is critical to restoration of the river banks. It will be done at the Wiest Ranch on the Lower Williamson River starting at 9:00 AM. It should not take more than a half day to do if enough volunteers show up to spread out the work. It will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Greg Bulkley is the organizer of this project and can be reached at gregbulkley@gmail.com , 541-810-1884 or 541-880-8017. You can also sign up at both the April and May Club meetings.

Saturday May 30th: the Link River Festival This is a community outreach event that needs volunteers to demonstrate fly casting on the Link River as well as interact with the people attending the event. It is a great opportunity to show our sport and Club to the public. Two years ago, this was the way that we got such a great turnout to our, open to the public, Fly Casting Clinic, which translates into potential new club members. We have three volunteers so far. We would like to see at least 3 more, at a minimum, so that the casting demonstrations can be broken up into short segments. We will have a sun shade set up along side the Link River Trail. You can sign up at both the April and May meetings, or contact Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com or 714-349-5129.

Monday Evening June 15th: R.A.P. (Resources And People) Camp This event is a Youth Education event for 13 to 18 year olds from urban areas held at Esther Applegate Camp (Lake of the Woods). The camp is jointly sponsored by both State and Federal Agencies, such as BLM, USF&W, and ODF&W, and done to expose urban youth to outdoor activities. We teach groups of 20 participants at a time how to tie a Wooly Worm fly. There are three groups of 20 - each for 50 minutes, beginning at 6:10 PM and ending at 9:00 PM. We need about 10-12 volunteers to offer assistance to participants while one demonstrates the tying of the fly. The Camp invites us to attend dinner with the campers in their Mess Hall at about 5:30 PM. It has been a very satisfying event for our previous volunteers and the participants. The campers are really great kids and enjoy this particular event. We need about another 5 or 6 volunteers. You can sign up at the April and May meetings or contact either our Education Chairman, Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com ,541-591-1421, or the onsite coordinator - John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com ,541-539-1505 .



AUCTION!!

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 6:00 at Elmer's
Please be there for the fun!**

FILM TRIBUTE TO FRANK MOORE

In the summer of 1944, Frank Moore, one of our KCFC founding fathers, crossed a bridge in France with a convoy of other soldiers. As he looked over to the water below, he saw an Atlantic salmon and a fly rod. The image haunted him throughout the war, his return to his beloved wife Jeanne, and his struggle with what we now call PTSD. Sixty-nine years later, Frank returned to France, this time with Jeanne at his side, and he finally fished that stream.

On June 12th, KCFC is hosting a showing of the documentary, "Mending the Line," which chronicles the Moores' travel back to France. When we spoke to her at the Expo, Jeanne said, "Frank calls this film a fishing story. I call it a love story." You will have to decide for yourself, but we believe it is both.

Stay tuned for further details about the time and location of the showing.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

This year's KCFC Progressive Raffle features as the prize a Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat, valued at \$1,750.00. The prize package includes boat, seat, oars, cargo storage, anchor system, double action air pump, and carrying bag. This is a great boat! It is lightweight and easy to transport, yet sturdy and easy to maneuver. You need this boat!



We are selling 300 tickets and when they are sold, we will draw the name of the lucky winner. They can be bought by anyone, so give some as gifts or get your friends, relatives or fishing buddies to purchase tickets.

Raffle tickets sell for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00!

ELECTIONS COMING IN MAY

The biennial election of KCFC officers and Board members will occur at the May 19th regular Club meeting. A slate of nominees is being prepared by Nominations Chair Dick Siemens and his committee.

According to KCFC bylaws, no nominations will be taken from the floor at the May meeting. If you would like to have your name added to the list, or if you would like to nominate someone for an office, please notify Dick or Club Secretary, Terri Twyman before May 5, 2015. (Please do check with the person you are nominating to make sure they want to be on the ballot!)

You may reach Dick at resiemens@centurytel.net or Terri at melterhowdy1@q.com .

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Black Drake Spinner, designed by Dick Winter

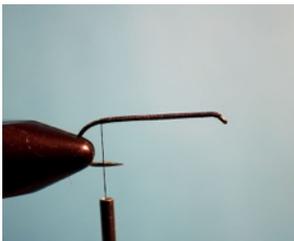
The Black Drake Spinner was developed by Dick Winter of Klamath Falls for taking trout on the upper Williamson River. This great fly is fishing during the hatch by casting size 10 to 12 dry flies to rising fish. Black drakes are swimmer-type mayflies. They inhabit weedy sections of slow moving streams and some lakes. In rivers, the mature nymphs move near shore, then crawl out of the water to emerge. Unlike other mayfly behavior, black drakes emerge only at night. After emerging the drakes land on the trees and surrounding structures where they rest for a while, then mate. They especially like the lodgepole pine trees that grow close to the Williamson river. Hatches are in the early summer through July. During this period, they are a major food source for the native Williamson River rainbow trout. The duns don't emerge in the water; they are seldom available to trout during a hatch. Spinner patterns are very useful, however, and the large size of the natural insect piques the interest of trout. Egg-laying occurs over slow, flat water, and that is where your spinner imitation should be cast.



Materials:

- Hook: Daiichi 1280 2X Long Dry Fly Hook or Tiemco 5212, sizes 12 to 10
- Thread: Dark brown 8/0 (70 denier).
- Tail: Microfibetts – split tail
- Body: Maroon acrylic yarn died brown – brownish- maroon (single strand)
- Rib: Gray Monocord or Size-A rod wrap
- Thorax: Charcoal grey yarn slightly died light purple
- Hackle: Medium blue dun saddle hackle died with a light purple
- Wing: Light Gray Para-post (high-Viz)

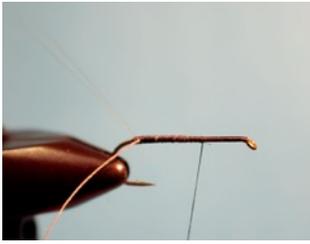
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Attach the thread and wrap back to the bend of the hook.

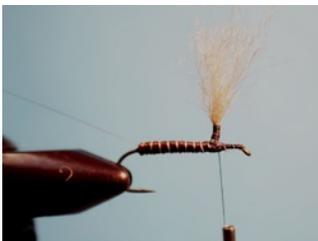
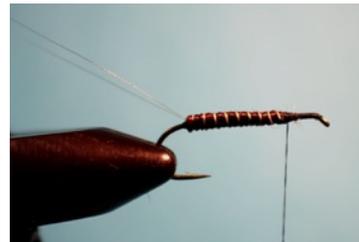
Tie in two Microfibetts so they are one shank length long at the bend of the hook. Make only two wraps over the base of the tails to hold them in place. Separate and flare them. The tails should now be flared slightly up and separated to each side.





Tie in a six inch length of Grey Size-A Rod wrap at the seventy-five percent point and wrap back over it to the base of the tail. Tie in a six inch length of your maroon died brown acrylic yarn at the base of the tail and wrap forward to the seventy-five percent point.

Twist and wrap the maroon died brown yarn in close, non-overlapping turns, up to a point where the base of the wing will be and tie it off there (about a hook gape back from the eye of the hook). Spiral wrap the grey size-A rod wrap forward over the abdomen with eight to nine turns. Tie the rod wrap off at the front edge.



Brush out a whole strand of Hi-Viz Gray Para-post and tie it in as you would a pair of spinner wings. Pull the two wings up above the hook and wrap the thread around the base to post the wings into one unit.

Select a rooster feather that has barbs about equal to twice the hook gaps. Tie the feather in right behind the hook eye, by this bare stem, and wrap back over it tightly to the base of the wing. The outside of the feather should be facing UP at this time. Prop the feather up along the wing so the inside of the feather is touching the wing post. Wrap the thread around the wing post and the hackle stem from the base of the wing post up to the top of the wing post. Anchor wrap the thread around the hook shank.



Apply a strand of charcoal grey-purple dubbing to the thread. Begin wrapping this dubbing immediately behind the hook eye, and wrap back, crossing to the backside of the wing, and building an elongated oval-shaped thorax. When you run out of dubbing, you want your thread to be hanging right at the front side of the wing post.



Grab the tip of the hackle feather with your hackle pliers and pull the feather out over the hook eye. You want to bend the feather over backwards so the inside of the feather will face up as you wrap. Wrap the feather from the top of the post to the bottom, one turn under the last for a total of about 5 or six turns and tie off. First you are going to bring the thread forward to the hook eye and down on the far side of the eye. Second you will bring the thread up from the far side of the hook right behind the hook eye. Finally catch the thread against the shank and bringing it back to its normal direction of travel, which is around the hook.

Whip finish the thread by setting up the whip finisher and working the knot in around the hook shank but under the hackle fibers.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

KCFC OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2015

Jim Ricks, Outings Chair, has shared this list of upcoming KCFC plans. If you would like to sponsor an outing, please contact Jim at 541-205-3274 or email: mtnestinor@gmail.com .

DATE	LOCATION	STREAM KEEPER	PHONE #	EMAIL
Apr 12, '15	Pronghorn Ranch	Dale Zemke	714-349-5129	dale_zemke@yahoo.com
May 15, '15	Diamond Lake	Doug Barnes	909-754-2326	dougbarnes@yahoo.com
June 2015	Juanita Lake	Thomas Whittemore	541-274-0594	waterouzel16@yahoo.com
Summer?	TBD	Jim Ricks	541-205-3274	mtnestinor@gmail.com
Sept 2015?	Medicine Lake, CA	John Staunton	541-884-9627	jjstaunton@charter.net
TBD	TBD	Marshal Moser	541-880-4629	marshalmoser@gmail.com
TBD X3	Upper Williamson	John Hyde	541-783-3008	yamsiranch@hughes.net



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