



NEWSLETTER

“Southern Oregon's Premier Fly Angling Opportunities”

with Marlon Rampy

Calendar

November 17: Club meeting with Marlon Rampy

December 15: Christmas Party

January 19: Club meeting with KCFC fly tying masters



Join your KCFC friends at the November 17th meeting and be treated to a multi-media presentation by Marlon Rampy on fly fishing in our local waters.

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (we can include Hawaii too..make it 49!) are quietly swimming, finning and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes of southern Oregon’s Klamath Basin. Marlon’s presentation will include plenty of photos, sound, scenery, music, and yes, even some lovely fish. He will take us on a detailed journey through Southern Oregon's premier fly angling opportunities.



Marlon is a full time Guide in Oregon's Klamath Basin. Since its inception in 1995, Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing, has steadily gained a dedicated following as a quality fly fishing experience. His passion for photography and guiding the Basin has lead him to many wonderful photo ops. His

photography has been published in Northwest Fly Fishing, the Drake, CATCH Magazine and Flyfishing and Tying Journal.



Marlon is the head guide at the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the Williamson River. To see more of his images visit his website: www.flyfishoregon.com .

See you at Elmer’s on the 17th!

OFFICERS AND BOARD

Dick Siemens

resiemens@centurytel.net

President

Carol Ann Meadows

kcfnews@gmail.com

Vice President/President Elect

Peg Edwards

edwrmed@aol.com

Treasurer

Peter Calvo

nogndr@qwestoffice.net

Secretary

Dale Zemke

kcflycasters@gmail.com

Past President

John Hyde

yamsiranch@hughes.net

Board Member

Bob Kingzett

bobk@jeld-wen.com

Board Member

Lois Krueger

lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com

Board Member

Jim Ricks

mtnestinor@gmail.com

Board Member



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 back renewed member Marshall Staunton!

Be sure to invite a friend to two to join you at the November meeting! The program will have great local information, and will be a good way to introduce new folks to our Club!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Jared Bottcher

Education: John Krueger
FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

Mentoring: Dave Biddison

Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards

Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks
Programs: Bob Kingzett
Social Events/Annual Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

Be sure to attend the Nov. 17 meeting. A local guide, Marlon Rampy, will be speaking on fishing local waters.



A group of Club members had a great time fishing at the Yamsi Ranch on October 16 and caught a lot of fish. John will have Club members fish again on October 31, the last day of the regular season. Flies of choice are a fall caddis and mahogany duns, particularly the emerger. The preferred pattern for the emerger is the mahogany sparkle sun as shown in Ralph Carestia's fly of the month for Sept. 2013. To view this pattern, go to the Club website, click on news, then click on archives to find 2013. In this version of the fly, Ralph recommends using a TMC 101 hook which is a straight shank ring eyed dry fly hook. Ralph also now uses a TMC 2488 hook for this pattern which is a straight shank ring eyed emerger hook. The TMC 2488 is what I use now and it works great.

I started fly fishing 56 ½ years ago on the Williamson River and Larkin Creek (there were not any houses there then) with Polly Rosborough flies, a Pflueger Medalist reel and a Fenwick fiberglass rod. The Pflueger and the Fenwick were inexpensive and were all I could afford because I was still in college. I progressed through a number of graphite rods later but continued to use the Pflueger reel. The reel was inexpensive but very functional and extra spools were also inexpensive. I bought a lot of extra spools to put different type and weight lines on. So I think you can imagine the shock I received when I was scanning through the latest edition of Fly Fisherman magazine and saw an ad for a Pflueger Medalist reel for \$120! and a Fenwick Fenerglass rod (fiberglass) for \$200 to \$250! Fenwick is often thought of as the brand that introduced graphite rods and now they are using modern S2 fiberglass construction with updated hardware in the new Fenerglass rod. Well I guess that is what is called progress!

I know some of you like to fish Medicine Lake. The latest reports indicate that fishing there is great.

Get out and enjoy the fall fishing and I hope to see you at the Nov. club meeting.

Dick

WIN THIS SCADDEN OUTLAW!

KCFC's current 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!

THE CLUB TRIP TO MILLER LAKE, OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2015
OR
THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO AS WANTED, ESPECIALLY FISHING

By Marshal Moser: The “secret” to catching fish is to go often. It also helps to try different kinds of weather and different seasons of the year. That was part of the reason for taking a little bit of a weather risk and planning a trip for the club into the Cascades in October. The weather usually gets a little dicey as October progresses. However, another reason to go to Miller Lake in October is that the big Brown Trout the lake is known for go on a feeding and spawning spree before winter.

I like to use NOAA’s weather service because you can pinpoint the location for which you wish a forecast and get written forecasts as well as graphs of temperatures, clouds, precipitation chances, wind speed and direction. The forecasts are quite accurate. About 10 days before the trip the weather looked like it was going to be great; record high temperatures were possible and nice sunny skies. However, about 3 days before the scheduled trip a small low pressure trough was speeding up and, although the forecast was still calling for dry and warm, it looked like it might be a little breezy on Friday, with a real windstorm in the Cascades on Saturday.

Two days before the trip, I sent out a heads-up by email to all those that expressed an interest in the trip. I warned them of the potential weather problem and told them I would make a decision about the trip the next day, that is, Thursday the 8th. On Thursday, the forecast for Friday and Saturday did not look good, especially for Saturday; high winds were to blow most of the day. I decided to contact those wanting to go by email and phone, and cancel the Saturday portion of the trip. I feared that the lake would actually be dangerous for fishing if the winds even got close to the forecast. However, I decided to move up the start time on Friday for anyone that could and just wanted to go to Miller Lake for the day. Doug Barnes decided to go with me and Harry and Mary Craggs headed up themselves first thing in the morning on Friday. I had to take care of shuttling around some Lonesome Duck guests that were fishing first.

Shortly after Doug Barnes and I left, we received a text from the Craggs that they were at Miller Lake, it was as calm as glass, and they were launching their watercraft. Later I learned that they were a little later than they planned because they earlier had a collision with a deer! Fortunately, it was small and not much damage resulted, so they continued.

As Doug and I arrived at the turnoff to Miller Lake at the north edge of Chemult, we found a bunch of fire and other emergency vehicles blocking the road. There was a leak on a major natural gas pipeline about a mile up the road. They were not letting vehicles go back to Miller Lake! What to do! We couldn’t get to the lake and, seemingly, Harry and Mary were trapped. Phone service is spotty at Miller Lake but text works a little better. We texted back and forth with Harry and Mary, telling each other the situations. We concluded that, after checking out the maps, Doug and I would go on to Odell Lake, and then we would check with each other later.

Odell Lake is the beautiful, rather large lake along 58 on the way to Eugene. It is 6 miles long, around 350 feet deep, and known for good Kokanee and Lake Trout (Macs) fishing. It has several nice boat ramps and some bays and points which can help one strategically plan against the wind.

continued on the next page

Another often overlooked positive about Odell Lake is that it has some nice Rainbow fishing that is often ignored in favor of the Macs and Kokes. Doug and I heard reports of where some Rainbows had been caught in a bay at the far northwest end of the lake. We also heard of a small bay along the south side of the lake where the Lake Trout were beginning to spawn in about 20 foot of water. Wow! I thought, Lakers on a fly rod! That could be a major battle like I was hoping to get with a big Brown at Miller Lake, and I had the right fly rod and line for it.

Well, we fished hard. We went for the rainbows first, casting and trolling trying to locate them. I marked some on the fish finder, but they were mostly in deeper water. As is sometimes said, the fishing was great, but the catching wasn't, nothing! Next, I got out the deep sinking line and a big streamer to see if I could catch a Laker. I did get a real hard grab early on, but did not hook up. That was all. The sky looked pretty good and the wind, though increasing in strength, was bearable, but the barometer was falling while we were there. Perhaps that was why we were so "fishless." We headed home just before sunset. However, read on.

Harry and Mary Craggs fished for a while at Miller Lake but did not have any success. Somehow, they were in communication with Peter Calvo who was fishing at Campbell Lake out toward Paisley in the Fremont Mountains. Peter was dry fly fishing from shore with a Tenkara rod, and catching fish! Harry and Mary pulled out of Miller Lake and headed the 130 miles to Campbell Lake. They arrived and met Peter about 4 p.m., and caught a dozen fish from shore. Then they launched their little boat and caught more fish in a very nice evening hatch in the short time they had before dark.

On Saturday morning the forecast held true, with strong winds and white caps on the little lake. The Craggs packed up and headed home.

Postscript: Harry and Mary were so impressed with the conditions at Campbell Lake, and the great upcoming weather forecast, that they went back to Campbell Lake for a day the following week. They caught over 70 Rainbows and Brookies in about five hours, all on dry flies!!!!!!!!!!!!



Campbell Lake is over two hours northeast of Klamath Falls, on the far side of the Fremont Mountains near the edge of Winter Rim, and over 7,000 feet in elevation. It is only 21 acres, no gasoline motors allowed, and shallow, but has few weeds, lots of stocked Rainbows, and some nice Brook Trout, mostly along shore. The slightly larger and higher Deadhorse Lake is another mile back in the forest. The weather is often very different there than in K Falls; be sure to check a good weather service, such as that referenced near the beginning of this article, before heading up there. Snow often blocks the roads early in the fall through to July.



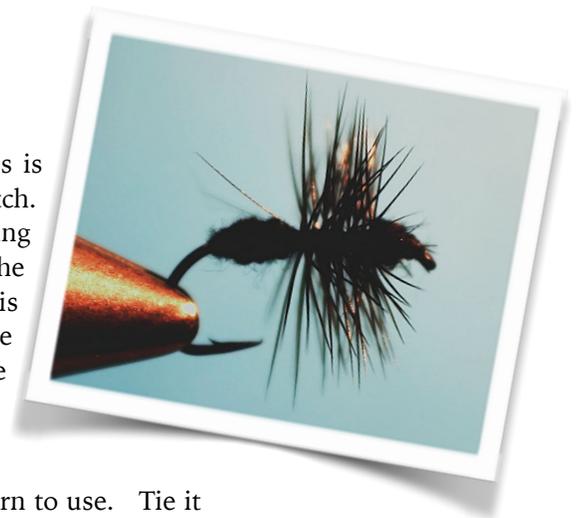
"...in all things be humble, cheerful, and thankful."

James Sherley, 1624

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Black Fur Ant

Perhaps the best thing about fishing any of the terrestrial patterns is you can fish them any time! No waiting around for the hatch. Terrestrials are "out" any time of the day you wish to fish. Fishing terrestrials is an easier task for fly anglers. Ants don't live in the water, and get on or into the water by happenstance. The theory is trout are alerted to the presence of terrestrials by the sound of the insect hitting the water. Since ants are one of the trout's favorite foods, any decent effort will be rewarded.



The fur ant fly tying pattern is a simple and effective fly tying pattern to use. Tie it in a variety of sizes and colors; it can mimic any in the water. Ants are an overlooked food item on trout's diet and fly fishermen who know to fish ants along the bank often find more success than hopper patterns on a nice summer's day.

Materials Needed:

- Hook: TMC 100: 14-20
- Thread: Black 6/0
- Abdomen: Black superfine dubbing
- Hackle: Black dyed grizzly
- Thorax: Black superfine dubbing



Attach the thread at the eye of the hook and wrap a smooth thread base back of the hook.

Using a super fine dubbing is small amounts, so you can twist it on the thread very tight. Form the body from dubbing by forming an oblong ball from the bend to the 40% point on the shank.





Tie in a black died grizzly hackle beginning in the middle of the hook and palmer the hackle forward to the 70% point on the shank.

Apply another thin layer of dubbing to the thread and build another smaller ball in front of the hackle.



Whip finish behind the hook eye of the hook.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

DUES ARE OVERDUE!!

According to our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st. In an era of ever-rising prices, our Club dues are still **\$35.00** per family! And, that includes two adult voting members!

Please print and fill out this form and either bring it to the November meeting along with your dues, or mail them to:

Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

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 at the October meeting, 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!



Be sure to check out the website of the International Federation of Fly Fishers! It has great information!

www.fedflyfishers.org



Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601