

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message-

February 2023

Hi everyone,

First off I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who volunteered at the KCFC table at P.L.A.Y. Outdoors. It was great to have this event back on the calendar and see all those eager kids learn to tie flies again.

February brings us The Winter Wings Festival, we will also have a table at this event. If you missed helping out at .P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, it's not too late to volunteer. If you're interested please contact John Krueger at 541-539-1505

Last but not least The Fly Tiers Expo is coming back to Albany Oregon on March 10th & 11th. Plan on going it's a lot of fun. Contact me if you would like to join in on some organized dinners while we are there.

Until then, take care and stay warm, temps are going to be dropping again. I'll see you at the next meeting on the 14th for a tying demonstration from a few club members you're not going to want to miss.

Take care,

Lois Krueger

KCFC President



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Klamath Country Fly Casters

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ABOUT THE KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

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 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 Thru May at 6:00 PM, in the Banquet Room of the Waffle Hut at 106 Main Street Klamath Falls, OR

Membership dues are \$35.00 per family per year. The membership year is October thru September.

Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
February 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Waffle Hut Restaurant
March 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Jay Williams Kayaking from Kimbol Park to the Ocean	Waffle Hut Restaurant
April 11, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Rick Hafele	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 9, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting And Election of new Club Officers and Board of Directors	Bill Tinniswood - Where to fish and where to not bother	Waffle Hut Restaurant



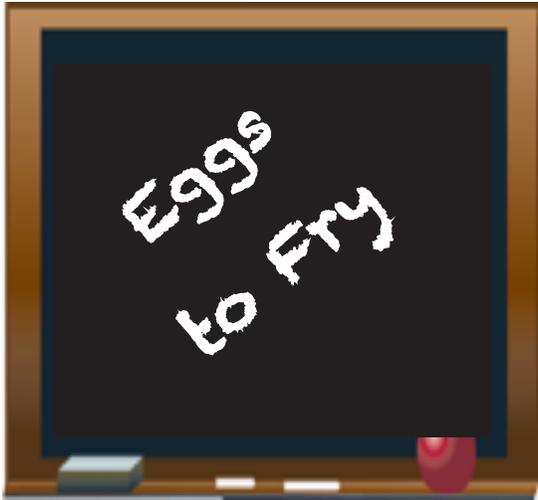
February's Meeting Program

It is Fly Tying Season

Our Club is fortunate to have an abundance of talented fly tiers in our membership. What makes it even better is that so many of them truly enjoy sharing their abilities through demonstrating and teaching others how to tie flies for maximum effectiveness. In keeping with tradition, our February meeting will feature three of our own Club members discussing and demonstrating fly tying.

John Krueger, Harry Craggs, and Gregg Havens will present flies of their choosing to share with the Club. Be sure to make plans to attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at The Waffle Hut. Dinner/Social hour will start at 6:00 PM, with the fly tying demonstrations to begin shortly after 7:00 PM.





On January 25th, Akimi King of the US-F&W, and Club members Karen and Greg Williams, Bob Kingzett, Marshal Moser, and myself gathered to deliver Redband Trout eggs to the South Suburban Library, Chil-
oquin Jr/Sr High, Henley Elementary (3 classrooms), Pinehurst School, Ponderosa Middle School, and Tulelake Elementary.

A special thank you to Marshal for picking up the trout eggs at the Klamath Hatchery and bringing them into town for distribution.

And a personal thank you to all those that have supported me and the program over the years. It seems strange to realize I will not be doing this next year. However, a very capable replacement, Greg Williams, has stepped up to organize next year's Eggs to Fry effort in the Klamath Basin. I have every confidence that I am leaving the program in even more capable hands.

The COVID impact was very damaging as we lost teachers that participated in the past and some schools are no longer represented. I would hope that under Greg's leadership and the support of the club members, coupled with the overall support and leadership provided by Jen Luke of the ODFW, and Akimi King of the USF&W, that the program can be rebuilt. And if that is possible, then it will need more volunteers from the Club to provide the additional person power to deliver the Trout Eggs. Give Greg your brst like you did me.

Hoping to hear of great things all the way to Pennsylvania!

Dale B. Zemke

P.L.A.Y. Outdoors Fly Tying Event

P.L.A.Y. Outdoors returned. And it was attended by over a 1,000 Klamath Basin Children. There they learned about all the various outdoor activities that they can participate in now and for the rest of their lives.

Our Club has participated in this event since it first began and we teach youth (and adults) what it is like to tie flies. Each child leaves the venue with a fly that they have tied and, hopefully, will catch a fish for them.



John Krueger's Weekly Fly Tying Gatherings:

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Please call John at 541-539-1505 if you're planning to attend. Class is usually 8-10 people. Equipment provided if needed....donations for materials are always welcome.



**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES
YET, PLEASE DO. IT IS NOW REDICULOUS!
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP THE
CLUB FUNCTIONAL!**

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1st each year. As of November 1st, the membership fees were considered Past Due!

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 mail it 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: _____

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INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By Ralph Carestia

Balanced Leech



The idea behind a balanced leech is quite simple really. The goal is to present a leech in a more natural manner by having it hang horizontally in the water column opposed to vertically. The construction uses a jig hook with an extended tungsten bead tied to a pin extending off the front of the hook shank, which allows the vertical hook eye to protrude from close to the center of the fly. When the fly is tied in by the eye the tail will naturally want to fall, and the leech will not appear as natural as it could. To achieve the better presentation a jig hook will be used and a pushpin to balance the fly when it is suspended in the water. This is usually fished under an indicator and the color options are endless (black, olive, blood, peacock, purple, etc.)! The leech fly is finished off with a slim body of Arizona Simi Seal dubbing, which provides just the right amount of flash and movement to complement the tail. This is not easy to understand without pictures, so let's get to it!

Recipe:

Hook:	Daiichi 4647 Jig Hook #6 - #8
Thread:	UTC Ultra Thread 140 Denier
Bead:	Tungsten Beads : sizing depends on hook size
Tail:	Arizona Simi Seal Dubbing (Black/Red - Black/Blue - Black/Purple – etc.)
Body:	Arizona Simi Seal Dubbing (Black/Red - Black/Blue - Black/Purple – etc.)
Extension:	Push Pin – clipped for desired presentation

Balanced Leech

Instructions:



STEP 1

Cut the push pin to about 3/4" and place the Tungsten bead on it. Wrap about 10 turns of non-toxic solder shoved up into the bead for added weight. Thread the bead onto the pinhead with the countersunk side of the bead toward the head of the pin. Place the hook into the vise. Start your thread wraps about one eye length from the eye and wrap about 10 times towards the bend. Secure the push pin with bead to the top of the hook with several snug wraps. Don't make these wraps extra tight as we may need to slide the pin.



STEP 2

Pull out a small clump of mega simi seal (here Black/Red). Roughly align the fibers and tie it in the middle of the material with two nice tight wraps. Pull back the material that is pointing toward the eye so that it is now one even tail. Wrap back over the material to bind it down.



STEP 3

A great way to make a buggy body for this pattern is to apply the dubbing with a dubbing loop. Created the dubbing loop by bringing the tying thread around the hook shank to create a loop into which you can place the Arizona Simi Seal dubbing. Twist the loop, to create a dubbing rope much like manufactured chenille, with the fibers protruding from the strand at all angles.

Balanced Leech



STEP 4

Using your dubbing spinner of choice spin that guy up making a nice rope out of the material. Feel free to brush or pick out any trapped fibers that may have happened while spinning. Begin wrapping forward pulling the Semi Seal fibers back.



STEP 5

Wrap the spun dubbing from the back of the hook all the way to the bead. . Dub a very shaggy body all the way to the bead. Palmer the dubbing backwards after each turn to make sure it all faces the correct direction. Brush shaggy body back toward the tail. These do not need to be touching wraps, a little space helps the body shape in the water.



STEP 6

Build a smooth thread head behind the bead, and whip-finish. Add a dab of head cement to lock everything in place. Rake out the dubbing again, this time sweeping all the material toward the tail. Trim off any extra-long dubbing fibers.

Now the final and most enjoyable step is to get this fly in the water! Do your best to test different water columns and retrieves to get the best results.

