



NEWSLETTER

“British Columbia Steelhead On Your Own”

with Greg Bulkley



Jacqui and Greg have been fishing the Skeena and Bulkley Rivers in British Columbia for several years now. At the September 15 KCFC meeting, Greg will share his experience, providing cost-effective tips to help land some of the hottest fish in the world on a retiree's budget.



Come to the September meeting at Elmer's Restaurant to hear from one of KCFC's own! Dinner begins around 6:00 with the program following at about 7:00.

See you there!

Calendar

September 15: Club meeting with Greg Bulkley; British Columbia

October 9-10: Club outing to Miller Lake; Marshal Moser

October 20: Club meeting with Heather Hendrixon; Williamson Delta

November 17: Club meeting

December 15: Christmas Party



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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

Be sure to invite a friend or two to come along to the September meeting. It will be a great time to introduce 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

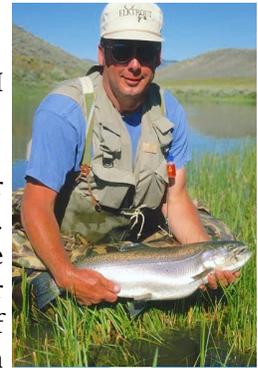
Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

Welcome, everyone, to a new Club year. We have some new officers and directors and I will introduce them to you at our meeting on September 15.



We’ll start the new year with a bang—Greg Bulkley will share his experiences of fishing for the giant steelhead in British Columbia and he will tell us how to do it economically. Since our last meeting in May, our Club has sponsored nine events; I hope you were able to participate in many of them. We had a record number of fishing outings scheduled for this year. I could not sign up for most of them because my wife and I do a lot of tournament trapshooting in the spring and summer. I was home for the upper Williamson outing and had planned to attend but unfortunately Jim Ricks, Outings Chair, had to cancel it due to poor water conditions. If you would like to volunteer to lead a fishing outing, please let Jim know. We will continue the progressive auction for the Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat. Tickets are only \$5 each or five for \$20. Remember, you not only have a chance to win this great boat, but every dollar over our cost will go to funding Club events. Remember too that Club dues are now due and are still only \$35.00. All of the income from dues is used for Club activities.

The IFFF was founded in Oregon 50 years ago so this year’s annual meeting was held in Bend Oregon. Dave Biddison and I went up for one day and enjoyed the fly tying demonstrations and the vendor’s booths. We saw a few club members that day and hope many of you were able to attend.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and plan to attend the September meeting.

Dick

IFFF FAIR

The IFFF Fair in Bend was interesting and a lot of fun, although several attendees said the Expo in Albany is just as good, or even better. Usually the Fair is held in Montana, but this was the 50th anniversary of the founding of IFFF and, since it was founded in Oregon, the celebration was held here.

KCFC was well represented by members who travelled there for the event. Thank you to Dave Biddison for providing these photos!



DUES ARE DUE!!

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 September meeting along with your dues, or mail them to:

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PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

Name: _____

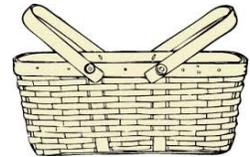
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PICNIC FUN

Thank you to the Halberts, the Mosers and all the folks at the Lonesome Duck for making the 2015 KCFC picnic such fun! There was a super turn-out and we all appreciate the efforts and Club members' contributions!



WARM WEATHER CHANGES OUTINGS

Outings Chair Jim Ricks has passed along John Staunton's report about Medicine Lake. John says the lake is very low and that California has not stocked it this year. What fishing reports he does get say that the fishing there is very bad. Therefore, we will not have a September outing to Medicine Lake this year.

MILLER LAKE OUTING

Mark your calendars! Marshal Moser will be leading the Club on a fishing trip to Miller Lake, near Chemult, on October 9 and 10.

The objective will be to arrive on Friday the 9th. Those who want to may camp overnight at the lake, and perhaps, fish both Friday and Saturday. There are nice camping facilities on Digit Point, a small peninsula that sticks out into the lake and can provide some protection from the wind.

Fishing is allowed 24 hours a day at the lake which is known for large Brown Trout, partly nocturnal, as well as nice Rainbows and some Kokanee. Boats are recommended; all kinds and motors. There is a good boat ramp, although parking for the boat ramp is remote, that is, roughly 200 yards up a slight hill from the boat ramp itself. If the weather isn't too nasty, inflatables, including float tubes can be used. Digit Point, sticks out into the lake and usually protects the boat ramp from the winds coming over the Cascades. On the opposite of the Digit Point peninsula, to the northwest in the campgrounds, is a small swimming beach which can be used to launch inflatables if the wind is contrary on the boat ramp side.

Miller Lake is a beautiful High Cascades lake on the east slopes, nearly opposite Mt. Thielsen from Diamond Lake. It is cool, clear, and well over 100 feet deep with rocks, fallen trees, and a little aquatic vegetation along its heavily forested shores. It has submerged benches along much of the shore but drops off quickly in many other places. It is a glacial trough about 1 ½ miles long and about ½ mile wide in the widest spot, very similar in form to the larger Fourmile Lake. The small outlet is natural and the lake fluctuates very little much of the year. It will be close to the normal vegetated shoreline in October. The surface area is 566 acres and surface elevation is 5,633 feet. The access road comes over a ridge that is a little over one hundred feet higher.

There will be virtually no mosquitoes, however, it can be cool to cold any time of year. Bring warm and weatherproof clothes even if the weather appears nice.

Earlier in the season, mayflies are possible. In October, use nymphs, chironomids, streamers (large for the big boys), buggers, or whatever you like for the large Browns, etc. Sinking lines will be best unless you want a floating line in reserve in case there is a hatch or the fish are on the shallow benches.

We will meet at the lake, so plan to carpool or caravan with other folks. Detailed directions will follow in next month's newsletter!

CONTINGENCY:

!!!RSVP, so Marshal can contact you if needed. Watch the weather! October can be very changeable in the high Cascades; it can be very nice, it can be... otherwise. Weather could easily cause the trip to be called off, or postponed. The lake doesn't freeze too easily, given its depth, but the road can snow shut from October to the end of June. Send Marshal email and phone contact info if you plan to go, in case weather knocks out the trip. If in doubt, call Marshal!

Contact Marshal Moser for more information:

Personal Cell Phone: 541/880-4629

Personal E-mail: MarshalMoser@gmail.com

DAM REMOVAL

Club member John MacDiarmid, who is also a member of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, sent this notice about the removal of two dams in the Rogue River watershed. Even if you cannot attend the celebration, take a look at some of the great information he included!



Salmon Homecoming Hootenanny

Help us commemorate Rogue River salmon and steelhead regaining access to 70 miles of quality habitat!

This summer, work crews demolished Wimer and Fielder dams on Evans Creek to reopen access for native fish on this key Rogue River spawning tributary. These dams are the only barriers from the state's most recent top ten fish passage priorities list to be removed.

This fall, salmon and steelhead will swim up Evans Creek unhindered by these dams for the first time in several decades. That's definitely something to celebrate!

When: Friday, September 18th, 5pm
Dinner served at 6pm

Where: Eden Vale Winery in Medford, Oregon
2310 Voorhies Rd, Medford, OR 97501

- Barbecue dinner from Back Porch BBQ -
- Free local wine and beer -
- Festive live music -

\$30 per person

Please RSVP by September 10th by clicking [HERE](#)

[Click here to check out a great video of the removal of Wimer Dam by our veteran engineer Scott Wright of River Design Group!](#)

Listen to OPB's story on this restoration victory: [2 of Oregon's Worst Dams For Fish Are Coming Down.](#)

[Click here to view photos of the dam demolitions on our Facebook page.](#)

ODF&W PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is in the process of making changes to the Rules and Regulations governing the waters of the state and the fish therein for 2016.

You may see the proposed changes at: www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/08_august/Exhibit_I_Attachment_2_Draft_Regulation_Proposals.pdf . If, after reviewing the proposed changes, you wish to comment you may do so at: ODFWcommission@state.or.us .

PROJECT HEALING WATERS AT THE YAMSI

Once again, the Hyde family showed their generosity by opening the Yamsi Ranch to “our” chapter of Project Healing Waters for a couple days in mid-August. About 25 vets attended. Reports are that all caught fish and all were incredibly appreciate of the Hydies' and KCFC’s support. Even though KCFC does not sponsor a PHW chapter, this group from the Vancouver, Washington/Portland area has become the group with whom we affiliate.

Although Project Healing Waters does have a national organization, there are only 3 paid positions in all of the United States and the local chapters are not funded from the national organization. All the funds the chapters need to have their events and outings have to be raised by the chapters themselves. In the case of “our” chapter, Jay Woodbury and helpers put on pulled pork and rib lunches in the parking lots of area sports stores all summer. Because they are a 501(c)3 group, they are not allowed to charge a set fee for the lunch. Sometimes people are generous, sometimes PHW is happy to provide free food.

Please remember this great group of men and women when we pass the creel or ask for donations to benefit them. They are definitely worthy of our support!



Remember: Dues are due!! Still only \$35.00!!



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