



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

## Fisheries of Klamath and Lake Counties

with **Bill Tinniswood**

Get ready for KCFC's most well-attended program of the year! On March 19th, we will be treated again to Bill Tinniswood's annual talk on the fishing opportunities in Klamath and Lake Counties at our new meeting location at the Waffle Hut, 106 Main Street.

As a fish biologist with ODF&W, Bill has the inside scoop on which streams and lakes are set to fish well this year, and which might not be.

Bill welcomes your questions, and is always gracious about answering them. Be sure to bring your notepad and pen for taking notes; he will flood you with information!



**CALENDAR**

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting at the Waffle Hut Restaurant - Speaker: Bill Tinniswood

Apr 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting at the Waffle Hut Restaurant - Speaker: Steve Day

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual Club Fundraising Auction at Running Y Ranch

JUN 1<sup>st</sup> - Club Annual Casting Clinic at Moore Park

**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 be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community.”

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Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Waffle Hut 106 Main 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](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Carol Ann Meadows

By the calendar, we are about three weeks away from the official start of Spring. As I type this, guess what? It's snowing. I don't know whether to add, "again," or "still!" Although I know that all this snow will ultimately be good for our water year totals, and will fill the reservoirs, it certainly is not helping my Spring fever!



I hope many of you will attend the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo coming up very soon, March 8-9, at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. There is always an amazing array of vendors, expert fly tyers, classes, and demonstrations. It's also a great chance to meet fellow fly fishers and make new contacts.

Did you enjoy the Waffle Hut as a meeting place? Do plan to be there early for our March meeting with ODF&W Fish Biologist, Bill Tinniswood. If you are not very familiar with the fisheries in Klamath Country, this program is a must. Bring a notepad and pencil so you can remember all the hints Bill gives about where the hot fishing will be this year. If you are lucky enough to have fished around here for years, Bill will provide information about which of your favorite spots might be especially good in 2019. This meeting is always well-attended, and the folks at Waffle Hut will open the adjacent room so we will have more space. Bring a friend!

Forty-eight years ago, on March 30, 1971, 47 people joined together in Klamath Falls to start a club based on the sport of fly fishing. It is great to know that their germ of an idea has grown into who we are today. I am positive that we will continue to advance the ideals of KCFC into the future.

Carol



# Klamath Country Fly Casters

Founded March 30, 1971

Founders, listed in the order of the original charter:

Jim Garvey, President  
 G. D. Massey  
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 Robert Massey  
 Roy Rathbone  
 Cecil Jennings  
 Jack LaGrande  
 Frank Layton  
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 Bryan Waybrant  
 Norman Uerlings  
 Bill Huff  
 Keith Henry

A. G. Wiggins  
 Robert Dixon  
 Raymond Brown  
 Earl Johnson  
 James Wegs  
 Rudi Huber  
 Lockett Ballard

Honorary Members:

Bill Nelson  
 Dan Callahan  
 Frank Moore  
 Stan Knouse

These members were present at the first club meeting and provided essential help in forming the Klamath Country Fly Casters



# Nymphing without Indicators

Jim McLennan

*Indicators make nymphing easy, but on some heavily fished streams, conditioned fish stop feeding when they see them.*

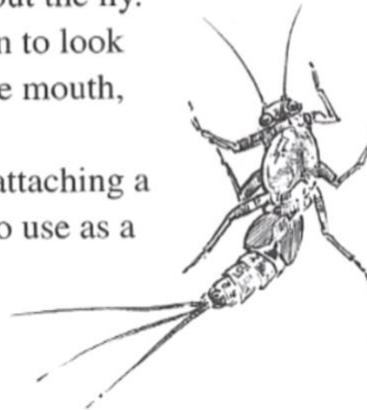
**Large indicators can create** a large disturbance on the water when they land. In flat water, you may be better off greasing part of the leader with fly floatant so that it floats high and is visible. Watch it for any movement to detect strikes.

**Without an indicator,** you can control the depth of your fly manually with your rod tip. When water depth varies greatly, as it does near boulders and in pocket water, the fixed depth provided by a strike indicator becomes a handicap. Because it's annoying to constantly adjust your indicator, most people don't do it, and either fish over trout's heads most of the time or just fish water suited for their rig.

**Leaders without indicators** slice through the surface currents, allowing the nymph to drift at the proper speed near the stream bottom. Because surface currents are faster than bottom currents, an indicator tends to pull the subsurface fly along the bottom unnaturally fast.

**Indicators don't indicate** every time a fish strikes, or by the time they do twitch, the fish has spit out the fly. Fish without an indicator, and you'll learn to look into the water for signs of a take—a white mouth, a flash.

**Fashion a built-in** strike indicator by attaching a short length of Amnesia to your fly line to use as a leader butt and tie a perfection or nonslip loop to the end of it.



**AUCTION**

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!  
Members! Members! Members!  
We need your help....**

Please start thinking about items for the club auction on May 21st. If you have an item to donate, which could be gently used or new fly fishing items and equipment you no longer use, gift certificates from your favorite store or restaurant, gift baskets, gift cards, (example; car wash gift cards, movie tickets etc.) a monetary donation (used to purchase items for the auction) please get them to Lois Krueger or one of the other auction committee members.

It's right around the corner and we are planning another exciting auction this year!

Thank you for your continued support



## Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Kris Henry at 541-880-8105 or [http://kj9henry@gmail.com](mailto:kj9henry@gmail.com) and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Kris your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Kris 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.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

keep meaning to tell you that Peg has Cabella's catalogs available and has the ability to order our logo embroidered on clothing, etc. Might be worth a mention in the newsletter



## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### RC Damsel



If you live near and fish lake or slow moving stream, you likely see damsel flies. In lakes, they make up a large part of the diet of insects the trout eat. In fact, you might be surprised at how important they are. During the months of June, July and August, a common item found in the stomachs of trout was a mix of adult and nymph damsel flies. With this in mind, maybe it's a good idea to have a few imitations of adult and nymph damsel flies in your fly box.

Damsel nymphs are usually 1/2 to 1 inch long with a very streamlined body. They swim with a rhythmic wiggle that ceases when the nymph needs to rest. During the resting cycle, the nymph slowly drifts downward. By incorporating Marabou for the tail creates an animated movement of the fly in the water.



The colors of the marabou are also adaptable to the various colors that damsel nymphs acquire, depending upon their environment.

Most of these colors are olive, tan, and peacock blue. An added benefit to this fly is that number of materials is kept to a minimum and it is easy to tie.

Imitation damselfly nymphs should be fished singly or as the point-fly of a team of nymphs. Floating or intermediate lines are the most effective, the fly being fished around the edges of weed beds.

**Recipe:**

**Hook:** Nymph, 2xlong - Tiemco 5212 or Tiemco 2313

**Thread:** Olive, tan, peacock blue 70 denier

**Tail:** Olive, tan, peacock blue marabou

**Rib:** Gold BR wire

**Eyes:** Melted 25 Lb. test monofilament

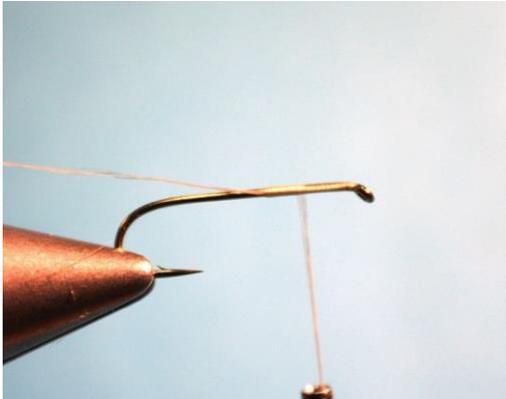
**Body:** Olive, tan, peacock blue emergent dubbing

**Thorax:** Olive, tan, peacock blue Arizona Semi seal dubbing



**Instructions:**     *Tan Damsel*

- 1) Start the tying thread right behind the eye and build a smooth thread base to the middle of the hook and back to a point in front of the eye. Attach mono eyes with a series of figure-eight wraps, then apply a drop of Zap-a-Gap on the top and bottom to hold them in place. Wrap thread base from the eye to the hook bend.



- 2) Select six or eight bushy strands of marabou and strip them from the quill. Pinch the tips off the marabou. Measure these tips against the hook shank so they are equal to one shank length. Choose the ones that are most fluffy, which are found at the base of the plume. Attach them in at the bend and wrap up the body to form the tail.



- 3) Clip a length of gold wire and tie it in at the rear edge of the index point. There should only be a small layer of thread on the hook at the index area, not all the way down the shank.



- 4) Dub the thread with olive/brown Emergent dubbing and form a tapered thin abdomen from the base of the tails a point just behind the monofilament eyes on the shank.



- 5) Wrap the wire ribbing forward with five to seven spiraling turns to the point just behind the monofilament eyes on the shank.



- 6) Apply Arizona semi-seal dubbing of the same color onto the thread very loosely. The nature of this fly is unkempt and the loose dubbing contributes greatly to this effect. Pick out the dubbing on the thorax and abdomen with a wire dubbing brush. Really get after it to shag out the dubbing and create the halo effect.



7) Whip finish the thread at the back edge of the hook eye. Clip the thread.



**Top View**



**Bottom View**



**Olive Damsel**



**Blue Damsel**

