

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Craig Schuhmann Brings Us Insight into Two Local Blue Ribbon Rivers, the Wood and the Williamson, at Our October Meeting



Craig moved to Oregon with his family in 1980. This move was partly to accommodate his father's passion for steelhead fishing on the rivers of Oregon and Washington. When Craig was 10 he was initiated into his own passion for fly fishing with his father on the Owens River in California and again on the steelhead rivers in the Columbia Basin. He has managed to keep his fly rod working ever since. Taking particular interest in trout, he has spent numerous seasons living and fishing in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Craig brings to play his interest in the totality of the sport through writing, fly tying, entomology, guiding, education and conservation. Craig moved to Klamath Falls in 2004 and started "Guided Waters Fly Fishing" guiding anglers on the Williamson and Wood rivers.

Craig began a career in writing in 2006 by accepting a contract to write a book for Moon Outdoors called Fishing in Oregon. Frank Amato published two more books: Get Started Fly Fishing (2012) and 40 Great American Trout Flies (2016). In 2015, he was appointed editor of Flyfishing & Tying Journal (Frank Amato Publications).

Craig holds a Masters of Arts in Theology from the University of Portland, obtained in 1996, and is the Director of Outreach for Integral Youth Services in Klamath Falls.



CALENDAR

Oct 16th - Club Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant - Speaker: Craig Schuhmann
 Nov 20th - Club Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant - Speaker: TBD
 Dec 18th - Club Christmas Party
 Jan 15th - Fly Tying Demonstrations Led by Ralph Carestia
 Feb 19th - Club Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant - Speaker TBD

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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.

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."

COMMITTEES

Conservation: Mark Hereford	Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards
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Fly Casting Events: John Hyde	Outings: Jim Ricks
Fly Tying Events: Ralph Carestia	Programs: Bob Kingzett
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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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Carol Ann Meadows

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the September meeting! Duane Redford gave a great program that combined beautiful photography with really useful tips. We also had a fair amount of business to conduct:



First, dues are due! Our KCFC dues are still only \$35.00 for a household membership of two people, and go a long way to sustain our tradition of having great speakers and programs. But, being a dues-paying, card-carrying member has other benefits, too. Your membership card will allow you discounts at Parker's, the Ledge, and Sportsman's Warehouse! Dues-paying members are also included in the Club Directory and on the official email list. Access to our newsletter is always available, but special notices and announcements go out by email. Stay connected!

We will be voting on a new slate of officers and Board members next May. That might seem like a long way off, but we want to be prepared. Dick Siemens and John Hyde are leading a Nominating Committee, and per our bylaws, we need three more members to join them. If you would like to help choose the new slate of officers, please let them know, or tell me. Thank you!

At the meeting, I introduced a new Suggestion Box which I hope will be an ongoing way to gather comments and ideas from you all. From time to time, I will have questions to be conversation starters, but the box will be available at every meeting for you to contribute any ideas or concerns.

To inaugurate the Suggestion Box, I asked three questions. Out of everyone who answered the question about the length of our meetings, 19 responded "just right," and four said, "too long." Regarding the question about program topics, the clear majority of you favored "fishing local waters," with "tutorials" coming second and "fishing in far away places" as third choice. Regarding the adequacy of our meeting place, 18 of you agreed that "yes," Elmer's meets our needs, one answered "no," and one was undecided. Thank you so much to all of you for your responses!

I am pleased to announce that the recipient for this year's KCFC OIT scholarship is Aaron Miller, an environmental science major in the class of 2019. We received a very nice thank you letter from him, excerpts from which Dale will print elsewhere in this newsletter.

Remember that Thursday, October 18th, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm is the dedication of the new "Gerda Hyde Environmental Sciences Watershed Lab" at OIT.

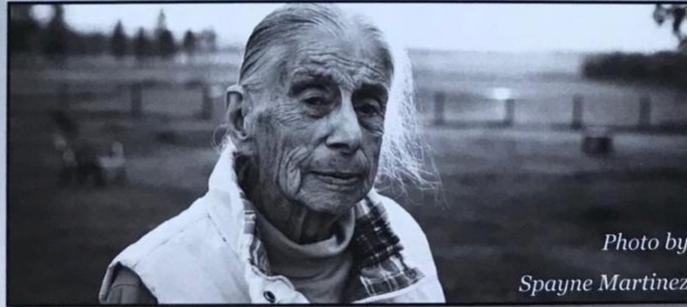
I am positively looking forward to seeing you at the October KCFC meeting!

Carol



Oregon TECH
FOUNDATION

You are cordially invited to a
 special dedication ceremony of the



***Gerda Hyde Watershed Science
 and Technology Lab***

October 18th, 2018 - Klamath Falls, Oregon

Thursday, October 18th, 2018

3:00—5:00 PM

Oregon Institute of Technology — Klamath Falls Campus
 Cornett Hall, Room # 160

***Please join us for a special ceremony and official
 unveiling of the lab!***

*The dedication will be held in the lab, located against the North
 parking lot of Cornett Hall. Directional signs will be placed
 coming in to campus from Campus Drive.*

RSVP online at Alumni.oit.edu/hydelab, or contact Katie Cavendish
katie.cavendish@oit.edu or 541.885.0222



2018-2019 KCFC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Aaron Miller is an Environmental Science Major in OIT's class of 2019. He is also the recipient of this year's KCFC scholarship.

Aaron grew up on a family farm in Missouri. After high school, he joined the U. S. Navy as a Missile Technician on the submarine USS Kentucky. He spent five years traveling the Pacific on strategic deterrent patrols, accumulating more than two years of undersea time.

After the Navy, Aaron and his wife lived near Seattle. They decided that they wanted to build a homestead somewhere to raise their future family, and after searching for three years, they settled on Klamath Falls.

Aaron started at OIT in 2015, feeding his love of nature by entering the Environmental Science program. In his own words:

“Being a non-traditional student and a father is pretty challenging, and a lot of it is financial. We don't want to work just to pay for child care so my wife works only part-time while I go to school the other days of the week. It's a lot of work and financially it's hard to make progress. this scholarship not only helps my education, but ultimately will help my family. That means the world to me and being as this is the only scholarship I've ever received in my life, it's one I likely won't forget.”

Congratulations, Aaron!

REMINDER: It is time to renew memberships! \$35.00 per household, which includes 2 voting members. Dues are not due in January or February - They are due NOW!. See Mark Kelley at the Oct. Meeting or use the renewal form in this Newsletter and mail it in.





Upcoming Youth Education Events

Volunteers Are Needed



P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, January 19, 2019 - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM:

This program, held annually in the Event Center at the Klamath Fairgrounds, provides a variety of activities for children and young adults to expose them to outdoor activities that they can use all their lives.

Our Club participates by teaching kids to tie flies under the supervision of several experienced volunteers and a Fly-Casting venue that is supervised by our FFI Certified Fly Casting Instructor, John Hyde. This community outreach event has been well attended by our volunteers each year, and by participating children (as many as 1200 children attend the P.L.A.Y. Outdoors Event).

We will be there again, and we can use as many Club volunteers as we can get. A signup sheet will be available at the October thru January meetings. Sign up to participate with a great group of fellow Club members and a lot of terrific kids. You can also contact John Krueger, your Education Chairperson and Vice President, at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com





Hatching trout in a classroom is one of those magical activities that:

- facilitates learning in science and math, and
- can be the nucleus of learning activities in language arts, social studies, and fine arts at any grade level.

Caring daily for the fish as they develop from egg to fry fosters a sense of stewardship for wild things — and where wild things live. And best of all, it's fun.

Sometime around mid-January of 2019, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the local office of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife, and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. The children learn how trout go from eggs to fry in a special aquarium in the classroom and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. Last year we delivered eggs to 15 classrooms in 9 schools and to the YMCA and 2 Klamath Libraries. We normally plan to meet at about 8:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date, for breakfast at Elmer's, at which time we will divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a classroom may need. The feedback from the volunteers after deliveries each year has been awesome - it was a great experience for all involved. However, we can always use more assistance in activities like this, especially if there are conflicts that keep some volunteers from participating due to the nature of the last-minute notice of the date. If you would like to help on this activity, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Eggs to Fry Coordinator, Dale B Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com or (714)-349-5129.

A Club Only Fishing Opportunity:

Yamsi Ranch is offering a fishing opportunity on the legendary Upper Williamson River on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. Fishing will begin at Noon and continue until dark with dinner to follow. Cost is \$100.00 per person. Flies that work best now are Mahogany Duns & Fall Caddis. There is a limit of 10 Anglers on the water each day, so make your call to reserve a slot now.

John Hyde can be reached at 541-783-3008 to reserve a spot



Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Jim Ricks at 541-205-3274 or mtnestinor@gmail.com and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Jim your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Jim 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 6th 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 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



WINTER FISHING TIPS

Flat-Water Risers

If you are looking for risers on a nice winter day, concentrate on flat water in pools as well as shallow water that warms quickly.

Small Flies

Cold-weather bugs are almost always small and mostly midges. In late winter and early spring, Baetis and black stoneflies can hatch, but they are also small. Fill your winter box with mostly small subsurface patterns, a few dry flies for those opportunities when they arise, and a few meat-and-potatoes flies such as stonefly nymphs and streamers. Egg patterns are also excellent choices.



Slow and Low

The colder the water, the deeper and slower you should fish your fly. Fish won't move far to take streamers, so try dead-drifting them under an indicator. Break the water into rows and methodically fish each one.

Spring Creeks and Tail Waters

Spring Creeks and Tail Waters Focus on springs, creeks and tail waters, which don't freeze in the winter and have more stable water temperatures.

Don't Leave Fish to Find Fish

Winter fish tend to pod up, so if you catch one, don't move to a better spot. You're probably in it.

Ice-Free Guides

Chap stick, Vaseline, or cooking spray on your guides reduces the amount of ice build-up.

Fish Smarter

Once the guides ice up, use roll and Spey casts to fish as much as possible without stripping in line. With these casts, you can also keep your hands toasty in mittens.

Think Springs

Springs entering a river keep water cool in the summer and ice free in the winter.



STAYING WARM

The key to staying safe in the winter (and enjoying yourself).

Don't go into the water if you don't have to.

Bring a spare set of clothes and keep them in your vehicle for emergencies. Carry a waterproof case of strike-anywhere matches in case you need to build a fire.

Boot-foot waders are warmer than stocking foots because they are generally less constricting and allow more circulation. Regardless of boot type, make sure there's room in your boots and your feet aren't constricted. Wool and most other materials provide insulation by trapping warm air in the spaces and in the fibers. If your wading boots are too tight, even good socks can't perform their function.

Breathable waders are fine in winter-if you layer properly. Start with a thin, tight base layer that wicks moisture and keeps your skin dry and then add one or two layers of fleece pants - depending on the air and water temperature. Your waders should keep your lower body warm under all but the most severe conditions. Wear thin sock liners and good socks.

A warm fleece or wool hat, or a balaclava, under the hood of your wading jacket can keep you warm on cold days. An exposed head loses body heat quickly. If you get warm in the afternoon, your hat may be the only layer you need to remove.

Warm packs designed for boots and gloves provide a quick source of heat (Grabber Mycoal is one popular brand).

Bring two or three pairs of wool, fleece, or neoprene fingerless gloves on cold winter days. Leave an extra pair of mittens in the car just in case. An extra pair of dry gloves in your vest can keep you fishing after everyone else goes home. Stuff some inexpensive liner gloves into your vest or pack. They don't take up space, but you'll appreciate the spare set if you get your main gloves wet or leave them at home.

Blood flow to your feet and hands decreases when your core body temperature decreases. Keep your extremities warm by properly layering your torso and legs to keep your core body temperature warm.

Sole Savvy - Felt soles collect snow and become cumbersome and dangerous. Sticky rubber with studs are best.

Eat lots of protein, carbohydrates, and fats. You need to keep the fires stoked to stay warm. Bring along a thermos of your favorite hot beverage. Prime it by pouring boiling water into it and letting that sit for 10 minutes or so before dumping it out and putting in your drink.

Save the alcohol until you're inside. We feel cold when blood flows from our skin into the organs to keep our core temperature warm. After drinking alcohol, blood flows to the skin (making us feel warm and our faces flush), which makes our core body temperature decrease rapidly.



Articles and photos for the Newsletter are always welcome!

I have asked in the past for members to submit questions they would like addressed, or articles they would like to see included, or photos of activities that might be of interest to other members. Not necessarily of interest to ALL members, but some - or if nothing else to you alone. A couple people did send me some items last year and I greatly appreciated them, and enjoyed including them in the newsletter. Again, it is yours, so use it!

This past month one of our members celebrated his 80th Birthday and, as you can see in the photos, his demeanor is more like an 18 year old! I especially appreciate that he received a net properly sized for the small fish he normally brings to net - if any!

CONGRATULATIONS HARRY CRAGGS - MAY THERE BE 80 MORE!



DUES ARE DUE!

In accordance with our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st each year.

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 October 16th 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:



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

October Caddis



When the first leaves fall off the deciduous trees at the beginning of fall, fly anglers should begin preparing for the arrival of the giant tent winged caddisfly. The October Caddis is a big orange Caddis Fly that hatches anywhere from late September to November in the Pacific Northwest depending upon weather, elevation, and stream characteristics. These large, orange caddis flies are approximately three centimeters long and provide too large a meal for big trout to pass up. It is an evening oriented bug and flops around on the water laying its eggs. The trout LOVE it because it offers one last big protein packed food source before winter sets.

Gary LaFontaine considers this the most important hatch to fly fishermen because the bugs are huge, the activity is concentrated and the hatch occurs in prime fly fishing river level conditions. Emergence and adult insects often occur at the same time and normally the fall caddis flies you see on or above open water are egg laying female. To imitate their movements, I like to use a well hackled fly that will skitter around with a light twitch of the line.

When huge trout are feeding on the surface, the adult October Caddis pattern encourages many strikes. It floats high and the fly is clearly visible on the water. Sometimes, fishing the dry right at dark can net you the biggest fish of the day.

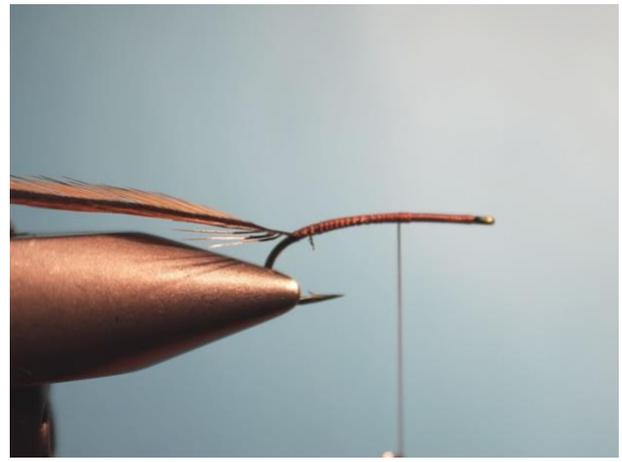
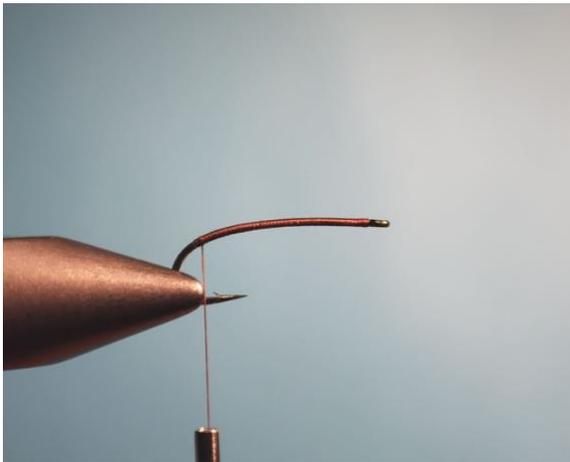


Recipe:

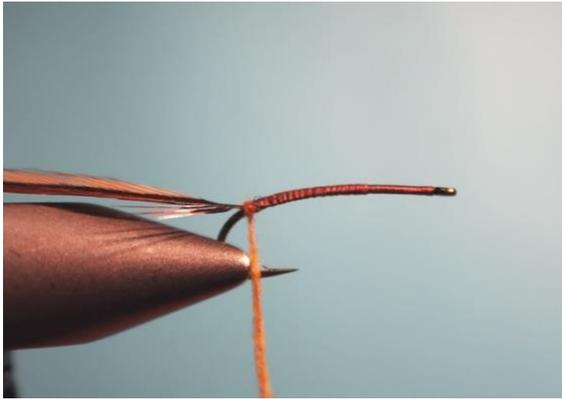
Hook:	Tiemco 2312 Size 10 - 14
Thread:	Brown - 8/0
Body:	Superfine Stonefly Orange dubbing
Wing:	Elk Hair - Rust Brown
Rib:	Furnace dry fly saddle hackle
Head Hackle:	Coachman Brown Dry Fly Hackle

Instructions:

- 1) Start the tying thread right behind the eye and build a smooth thread base to the bend of the hook. Select size and prepare a brown furnace saddle hackle feather. I like to shoot for about the width of the hook gaps. Tie the hackle feather in at the bend of the hook with the outside of the feather facing up. Wrap forward over the bare stem and clip the excess.



- 2) Apply a thin, even layer of Stonefly Orange superfine dubbing to the thread. Start wrapping the dubbing at the bend of the hook and work forward forming a single dubbing layer on the shank up to the 1/3 point behind the eye.



- 3) Grasp the tip of the hackle feather with your hackle pliers and palmer it forward to the 1/3 point behind the eye with five to six evenly spaced turns. Trim the top hackle so that the hair can lay flat.



- 4) Cut and clean a medium sized clump of good quality rust-brown died elk hair. Cut the butt ends off the hair at the point where the hair is equal to the length of the hook. Place the hair on top of the hook with the butt ends tapered from the edge of the eye to the tie in point on the hook. Make four or five tight turns of thread to compress and tie down the hair and wrap the thread forward to the eye and back to the tie-in point on the hook creating a smooth surface.



- 5) Tie in a Coachman Brown neck hackle at the Hair tie-in point and wrap the thread forward to the eye. Begin wrapping the hackle forward to just behind the eye of the hook. Tie off the hackle feathers and trim the excess.



6) Build a smooth thread head and whip finish.



Top View



Bottom View



