

NEWSLETTER

“Staying Found”

with Rose Beardsley



Rose Beardsley is a volunteer Oregon State Certified Search and Rescue member for the Klamath County Sheriff's Office. She has been a member for five years, and a Team Leader for three years. With experience gained from responding to nearly 100 search missions, training and research in Lost Person Behavior, and many years playing in the wilds of Alaska, Rose has gained some insight for what can and does go wrong in the outdoors.

Do you know what to do if an accident or illness happens while you are fishing, alone? Maybe your vehicle breaks down while you are miles from nowhere, and the weather is turning bad? You have used your car GPS to try a new fishing spot, and it takes you into an area where you get stuck. In all of the above situations, there is no cell phone signal. Do you have the equipment and know how to use it to survive?



Klamath County Sheriff's Search and Rescue has responded to fishermen with medical emergencies, lost and injured hikers, and lost hunters, as well as others. Many of these were experienced outdoors people. Yet “stuff happens” in spite of how well prepared we think we are.

“Staying Found” gives the basics on how to prepare for the worst, and enjoy the best of the recreational opportunities that Klamath County has to offer. Discussion will include “The 10 Essentials”, Land Navigation tools pros and cons (maps, compass, GPS), “STOP” (the four things to immediately do if you find yourself lost), Tips and Hints on what to do when things go wrong and Resources for further information.

For some hands on, **bring your fishing vest**, stocked for a normal outing. Learn if what you carry might help you in an emergency.

Calendar

February 18: KCFC meeting on outdoor emergency preparedness, with Rose Beardsley. **BRING YOUR FISHING VEST!**

March 7-9: Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany

April 1: Pyramid Lake Trip

May 20: KCFC Auction

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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

Please welcome our newest KCFC member! Make sure to look for Tom Keelin at the next meeting. Introduce yourself, and welcome him into our fly fishing family!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

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:

Social Events/Annual Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

Welcome to a new calendar year! We kicked this year off quite well with a couple of key community outreach activities, Eggs-to-Fry and P.L.A.Y. Outdoors. I want to extend a "job well done" to Patrick Stroup, your Education Committee Chairman, and his small army of volunteers who had a personal and positive impact on so many young people in our community. I believe Pat will have an article in this newsletter about the two events. But I wish to thank all the members who stepped up and made this kick-off of the new year so tremendous.



Now to the near future. We have an important vote coming to a head at the February Club meeting. I know you have all been given an opportunity to review the proposed revisions to the Club's by-laws, and hopefully most of you have either sent your vote in by email to kcflycasters@gmail.com or by snail-mail to KCFC, P.O. Box 324, Klamath Falls OR 97601. Otherwise, we expect you to register your yes or no vote at the upcoming meeting. It is important that we have a vote from all members, one way or another.

A little farther out in the calendar, we have an old favorite and some new stuff happening. I devoted pretty much all of my report in January's newsletter to the upcoming ORCFFF NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, OR being held March 7 thru 9, and the need for volunteers to staff the Club's Knot Tying Table. The sign-up sheet will be sent around again at the February meeting to see if we can get a few additional volunteers. Plan to go to the Expo, and if you can give a bit of your time, that is even better.

As to new stuff, we have a club outing to Pyramid lake (Stream Keeper: Bob Gregory) April 1 thru 5, with a possibility of another outing in April to the Klamath River (Keno Stretch) with Mark Kelly as the Stream Keeper (date not set yet). I am personally taking on the role of Stream Keeper for a Club outing to Juanita Lake (near Macdoel, CA) on Saturday, May 31. And if you have visited our Club web site at www.klamathcountryflycasters.com, you know we have other trips planned. Expect to start seeing sign-up sheets coming around at the next meeting. These are simply to gather names of interested members, not a commitment. This will enable the Stream Keepers to disseminate information out to those that have expressed an interest in possibly going.

We have not given up on the 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM "Seminars" that you gave us input on in a recent survey. It is just taking more time than expected to get it in hand, and the holidays tended to slow things down, too. But there is interest, and especially interest in a lot of seminars on "basics," so we will strive to get this going. Also working on doing a Club rod building class with a member of the Club doing the instructing, but we need to get the course materials finalized. We also need to figure out where the heck we have a place with room enough to do it. Really open to suggestions on that.

We will be needing volunteers for conservation work again this year - similar in nature to what we have done in the past to restore habitat. Please be ready to step up for those activities also when the time comes. We have a reputation to live up to after all!

We are also looking at a new community activity being put together by the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, in conjunction with the annual Fishing Derby. We will probably do a fly casting, fly tying and knot tying demonstration at this event if it comes together this Spring.

And there is a possibility that we will be getting more involved with the Klamath County and City School Districts in some education efforts, more on this later.

Lots of good stuff - but mainly - lots of opportunities to fish with your fellow Club members - so take advantage of the Club outings, and also the other events that can prove to be both fun and beneficial.

Until we meet - Tight Lines!

NW FLY TYER & FLYING EXPO

The NW Expo has been heralded as the “largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi”. Come to the Expo and be part of the crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers building their knowledge and you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from 194 Fly Tyers
- Explore 50 Exhibitors
- Observe Daily Casting Demonstrations
- Choose from over 116 Classes on Tying, Casting, & Fly Fishing
- Attend the Daily FREE Fly Fishing Education Program
- Participate in Raffles & Silent Auctions daily
- Attend the Banquet & Auction Saturday night
- Admission:
- General Admission: \$7.00
- FFF Members, Veterans and Youth 18 & Under: FREE
- Parking is also FREE



Visit the website www.nwexpo.com for more information!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FISHING VEST TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING!

THE 2014 KCFC AUCTION IS COMING!

This year’s KCFC fundraising auction will be held May 20, 2014. That may seem like a long way off, but the Auction Committee is already hard at work.



As in past years, we will have the oral auction, a silent auction and the bucket raffles. If you have items you would like to donate to the auction, please contact:

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| Peg Edwards | edwrmed@aol.com |
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We would like to have all items collected by the April KCFC meeting so that we will have time to prepare a list for your perusal!

EDUCATION REPORT, by Patrick Stroup

With two club education events within ten days of each other, I would first like to express sincere appreciation for the amazing volunteer participation in the Eggs to Fry classroom deliveries and PLAY Outdoors.

Eggs to Fry

On January 9, Club volunteers met up with Jennifer Luke of ODFW at Elmer’s Restaurant to take delivery of trout eggs to deliver to thirteen classrooms in nine different schools in Chiloquin, Klamath Falls and Tulelake.



Our volunteers report back that they observed well-prepared teachers and enthusiastic students ready to nurture the eggs in special aquariums until they are ready for release into designated areas in the Spring. One young student was excited to report on the “ten-foot trout” he had caught! Obviously getting an early start on the art of exaggeration! Perhaps a future Club member? Thanks go to Club members Greg and Karen Williams, Jim Ricks, Marshal Moser, David Biddison, and Stan Swerdloff for delivering the trout eggs and providing classroom presentations.

PLAY Outdoors – “Promoting Lifelong Activities for Youth”



This event, featuring multiple vendors and outdoor groups, was held on Saturday, January 18 at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Approximately 1,100 children and 1000 adults were in attendance through the course of the day. Our Club

provided the opportunity for kids, young and old, to try their hand at tying a Wooly Worm at the fly-tying tables, as well as casting a fly rod in the lower arena area. Our Club provided 18 volunteers who logged approximately 90 hours of their time! Again, a great round of applause and standing ovation I give to each of you (too numerous to name in this



short article) for your enthusiasm and support of the Club’s mission of promoting fly fishing as a method on angling to young and old alike!

Patrick Stroup – Education Chairperson, KCFC



Editor’s Note: Thank you, Patrick, for organizing these events! Great job!

WIN A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM GARY ANDERSON FLY ROD

Only 39 tickets left!!
Do not make Dale spend \$390
to get this raffle closed!!!
Help him by buying tickets now!!



Gary's rods are great works of art. Samples may be viewed at www.andersoncustomrods.com/rods.htm The winner may choose any rod that Gary makes, up to and including his high-end Elite series. These rods are crafted with the finest of materials and the most advanced rod blanks. In addition, the winner's rod will be beautifully hand painted with the winner's name of choice and the one time designation:

(Name Designated)

Klamath Country Fly Casters

2013 ORCFFF Club of the Year

This rod will be a one-of-a-kind trophy and a true collector's item. After Gary has built this special rod, it will not be possible to purchase a duplicate at any price.

Tickets are available at KCFC meetings for \$10.00 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold. After all 100 tickets have been sold the raffle will end and the winner will be drawn at the next Club meeting.

OUTINGS UPDATE

Here are the KCFC outings currently being planned:

April 1-5, 2014 - Bob Gregory is planning a trip to Pyramid Lake in Nevada

May 16-18, 2014 - Greg Bulkley will organize an outing to the Sandy River Spey Clave

May 31, 2014 - Dale Zemke is planning a day trip to Lake Juanita near Macdoel CA

July - Doug Barnes will put a trip together - Destination & Date(s) to be determined

August - Toby Loetscher will organize a trip to Gold Lake, OR - Date(s) to be determined

September - John Staunton will organize a trip to Medicine Lake - Date(s) to be determined

Watch for more information on each of these outings!

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING



The first KCFC outing of the year will be to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, April 1 through 5, and will be led by Stream Keeper, Bob Gregory. If you would like an opportunity to land a “large” trout, then this is the place to go. Lahontan Cutthroat trout, ranging in size from 10 to 20 pounds (and on up) are available at Pyramid Lake to the lucky angler. And yes, this is the lake where you fish standing on a step ladder!

Bob sets up camp right on the lake shore at Separator Beach, but there are plenty of other campgrounds and motels nearby. He has all the particulars on the area, fishing regulations, and the special equipment needed, but further in-depth information can be found at www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February Club meeting for those who might have interest in going to Pyramid Lake during the first week of April. Signing up is not a commitment, but simply a starting point in getting information to the interested parties. So, talk to Bob, visit that great website, and come to the February meeting prepared to sign-up for the first Club outing of the year.

You may contact Bob at 541 884-0092 or email Dale Zemke at dale_zemke@yahoo.com, and he will make sure your name gets to Bob.

UPCOMING OUTING TO LAKE JUANITA

Contributed by Stream Keeper, Dale Zemke:

Lake Juanita is the Club’s May outing destination. Juanita is located approximately 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Macdoel, CA. It is a small, high altitude lake that is not heavily visited or fished. It is, however, stocked with trout and has a population of large mouth bass and catfish. I have not personally fished this lake, but both Bob Gregory and Marshal Moser have told me it fishes well and that the facilities are excellent. There is about a 1.5 mile trail around the lake with two fishing jetties. There is also a concrete boat launch ramp and a fish cleaning station. (Hey - the trout are stockers after all!) No motors of any sort, fuel or electric, are allowed, but the size of the lake makes it excellent for row boats, float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, or kayaks. The water stays cold all through the summer, so it must be spring fed. You probably want to dress accordingly if float tubing.



This will be a day trip. Please bring your own food and beverage. Drinking water and vault toilets are available. There is no day use fee at this US Forest Service campground, only a fee if you are overnighing. I visited this lake last fall and it is a lovely location, and well worth a try as a nearby fishing opportunity, even though it is in California. A 1 day license is \$14.86 or a 2 day for \$23.25 for residents and non-residents alike. The license can be obtained online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/>.

A sign-up sheet for interested parties will be circulated at the February meeting and you can also direct inquiries to me, Dale Zemke, at dale_zemke@yahoo.com.

HOOKED ON FISH, by Dale Zemke

Pan Seared Tuna

Sometimes it feels like we tend to ignore seafood during the winter months, and that's just not right. Seafood is delicious year round, especially when you are looking for something light yet flavorful to enjoy.



Today we're sharing a recipe for pan seared tuna steaks. The beauty of this dish is how delicate it can taste, and doing anything other than a relatively minimalist approach risks over-complicating the simple flavors of the tuna. The lime adds an acidity that always pairs well with seafood, and the cayenne pepper adds just a little heat. The tuna is best served rare to medium-rare and pairs well with a light salad, or some fresh arugula with perhaps a balsamic or a soy-based dressing.



Ingredients

- 4 tuna steaks, 8oz each, about 1" thick
- 3/4 cup sesame seeds,
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- salt and black pepper to taste
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lime juice

Directions

1. Pat the tuna steaks dry with a paper towel.
2. Spread sesame seeds in a shallow baking dish or pie plate.
3. Lightly coat both sides of each steak with 1 Tablespoon oil then sprinkle with salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper
4. Press both sides of each steak into the sesame seeds to coat.
5. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a 12" skillet over high heat until it's just beginning to smoke. Swirl it to coat the pan.
6. Add tuna steaks and cook for 30 seconds without moving the steaks.
7. Reduce the pan to medium-high heat, and continue to cook until the sesame seeds turn a golden brown (about 1 1/2 minutes).
8. Using tongs, carefully flip the tuna steaks and cook without moving the steaks again until the seeds are golden brown on the second side (about 1 1/2 minutes for rare, or 3 minutes for medium rare).
9. To serve, slice into 1/4" slices, and drizzle with lime juice.
10. Enjoy!

Recipe adapted from [All Recipes](#)

Do you have a favorite fish recipe? Send in your suggestions! Please email kcfnews@gmail.com . If your recipe is from a magazine or cookbook, please include that information, too, so we may credit them. Although KCFC encourages the practice of catch and release of wild native fish, we certainly do not ban eating fish! When buying fish at a grocery store, try to avoid farm-raised.

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

SLUMPBUSTER

The Slumbuster is one of the few NEW streamer patterns that are actually something more than a Woolly Buzzer variation. The Slumbuster is heavily weighted at the front end to create a fish attracting jiggling action in the water and its matuka style fur strip wing breathes seductively without entangling with stream bottom vegetation. When fishing this fly I cast it toward the bank and retrieve with erratic strips.

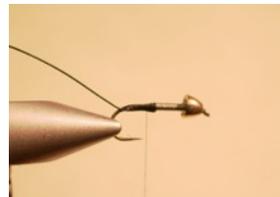


- Hook: TMC 5262 #2-10
- Thread: 3/0 Olive Monocord
- Cone: Brass or tungsten, sized to hook
- Weight: Lead wire, sized to hook
- Rib: Brassie Sized Ultra-Wire, color of your choice, (chartreuse used here)
- Body: Gold Mini-Flat Braid
- Wing: Dyed Pine Squirrel Zonker Strip, olive
- Collar: Dyed Pine Squirrel Strip, wrapped like hackle



Slide cone onto hook and up to the eye. Wrap lead wire ten to twenty turns around the shank behind the cone.

Start the thread at the rear edge of the lead wraps and cover the lead and the shank back to the bend. Return the thread to the bend and tie in an eight-inch length of wire and wrap forward over it to just behind the cone and tie in an eight-inch length of gold mini-braid.



Make one wrap with the braid behind the wire rib at the bend and continue wrapping the braid forward again to the back of the cone forming a smooth, tapered body. Tie the braid off at the back of the cone and clip the excess.





Tie in a two inch long piece of squirrel strip at the back of the cone by pushing the front end into the back of the cone and making a few firm wraps.

Wrap the wire over the squirrel strip through the part in the hair at the bend. Continue spiraling the wire forward through the hair strip by evenly separating the hair. Tie off the wire at the front of the body.



Tie in another piece of squirrel for the collar at the back of the cone with the skin side to the front and the fur pointing back toward the bend. Wrap the squirrel strip around the hook at the back of the cone two or three times. Tie the squirrel off at the back of the bead and clip the excess.



Make a few tight turns of thread to cinch everything down and whip finish behind the cone.



SIDE VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



Winter on the Klamath.....



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