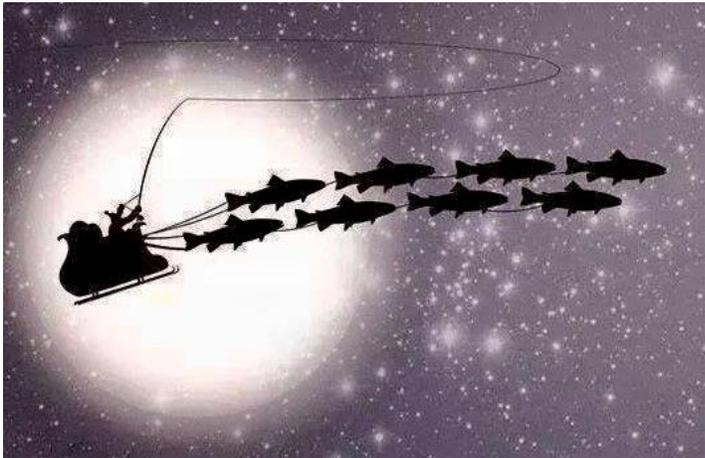




KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Yuletide Fun!!

It is time for the KCFC Christmas dinner and party! We will meet at Elmer's Restaurant, 3060 S. 6th on Tuesday, December 18. The menu for our dinner will be Prime Rib, Potatoes, Winter Vegetables, Salad, and Berry Crumbles along with a Drink Station.

The cost for dinner is \$20.50 per person, payable in cash or by check made out to the Klamath Country Fly Casters or KCFC. No Credit Cards will be accepted. The Club will write one check to the Restaurant to cover the bill for the dinner. The fun will start at 6:00 PM. You will be handed a ticket as you arrive which will be your chance to win a door prize! Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

In keeping with our tradition, we will have a gift exchange. Ladies, please bring a wrapped gift for another lady; gentlemen, likewise, for another man. Please keep your gifts under a \$10 limit. Your attire may be anything from jeans to tuxedos, as casual or dressy as you would like!

Now, because this is a catered dinner, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have an accurate tally of guests. Lois Krueger would like your RSVPs by Friday Dec 14th, so please contact her at [541 539-1555](tel:5415391555) or email lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com



CALENDAR

Dec 18th - Club Christmas Party
 Jan 15th - Fly Tying Demonstrations
 Led by Ralph Carestia
 Feb 19th - Club Meeting at Elmer's
 Restaurant - Speaker TBD
 Mar 19th - Club Meeting at Elmer's
 Restaurant - Speaker: Bill
 Tinniswood
 Apr 21st - 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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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

We had a fun November meeting with Nell Scott from Trout Unlimited telling us about their organization and the projects they are doing in the Klamath Basin. We had a good turnout for Thanksgiving week, and it was fun to see some folks who have not been able to attend recently.



The Suggestion Box questions were fairly simple this month: What do you like most about KCFC and, then of course, what do you like least. The responses were very positive and I truly appreciate the suggestions that were given. Several responses dealt with outings, fishing together, and giving more information to new members about where to fish. Our new Outings Chair, Kris Henry has lots of ideas about places to fish and I look forward to hearing more from him.

I honestly can't believe that the next meeting is our annual Christmas party! Lois Krueger and her committee have made all the plans for a fun, festive evening. I know Dale will print details elsewhere in this newsletter, so look for that article, and please do make plans to attend. It's an evening just for fun: no program, no business to conduct, just time to spend celebrating the holidays with your KCFC friends.

And, speaking of celebrating the upcoming holidays, please know that however you choose to celebrate, we wish you peace, health and happiness.

Carol



Fly Fishing Quotes & Inspiration

"Somebody behind you, while you are fishing, is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl".

~Ernest Hemingway



"As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler"

~ Izaak Walton

"Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it."

~Norman Maclean

"Things fishermen know about Trout aren't facts, but articles of faith."

~ John Gierach

"There's always a hot new fly. Precious few of these patterns are genuine breakthroughs destined to last for a hundred years, but more often they're idle comments on existing traditions, explorations of half-baked theories, attempts to use new and interesting materials, to impress other tiers, or excuses to rename old patterns. The results are often pointless fads like the craze in some pretentious restaurants of plopping fried quail eggs on everything or calling sandwiches "paninis.""

~John Gierach

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."

~ Henry David Thoreau



"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be."

~John Gierach

"Never leave fish to find fish."

~Moses 1200BC

"Be patient and calm - for no one can catch fish in anger."

~Herbert Hoover

"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning."

~Theodore Gordon

"If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago."

~Zane Grey

"Pole far enough and the fish will find you."

~Steve Huff

"I go fishing not to find myself but to lose myself "

~Joseph Monniger

"There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of mind."

~ Washington Irving

"Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout."

~Irish proverb



"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

~by John Buchan

"Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics that it can never be fully learnt"

~Izaak Walton

"The man who coined the phrase "Money can't buy happiness", never bought himself a good fly rod!"

~Reg Baird

"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish."

~Herbert Hoover

"Take care of the fish, and the fishing will take care of itself."

~Art Neumann

Testament of a Fisherman

"I fish because I love to; because I love the environs that trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly; because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties and assorted social posturing I thus escape; because, in a world where most men spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond



only to quietude and humility and endless patience; because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip; because mercifully there are no telephones on fishing waters; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; because bourbon out of an old tin cup tastes better out there; because maybe someday I will catch a mermaid; and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I

suspect that so many other concerns of men are equally unimportant -- and not nearly so much fun"

~Robert Traver. 1964





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 to late 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, Marshal Moser at marshalmoser@gmail.com



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

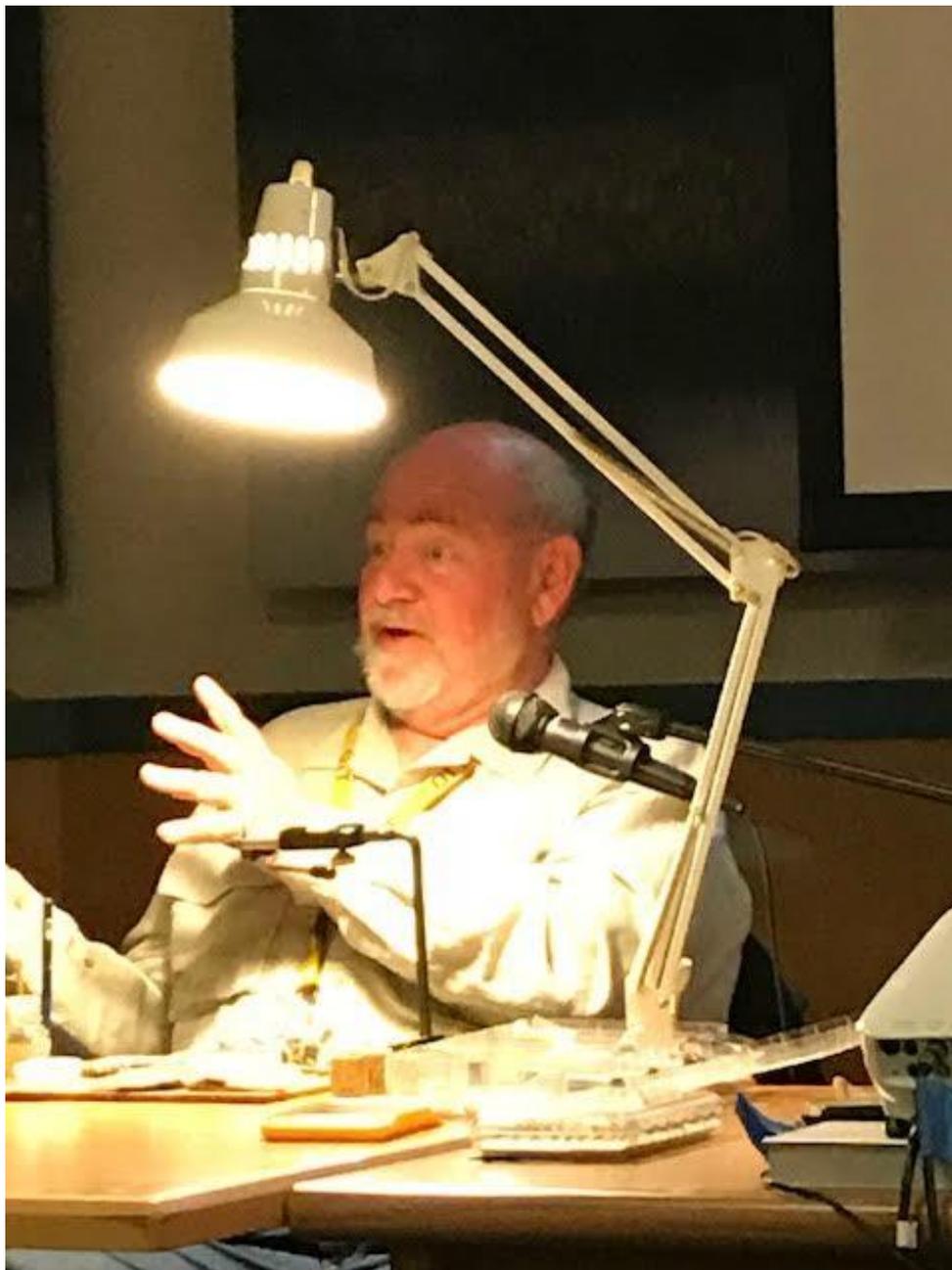
Parker's Rod & Gun Rack at 7364 S 6th St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented

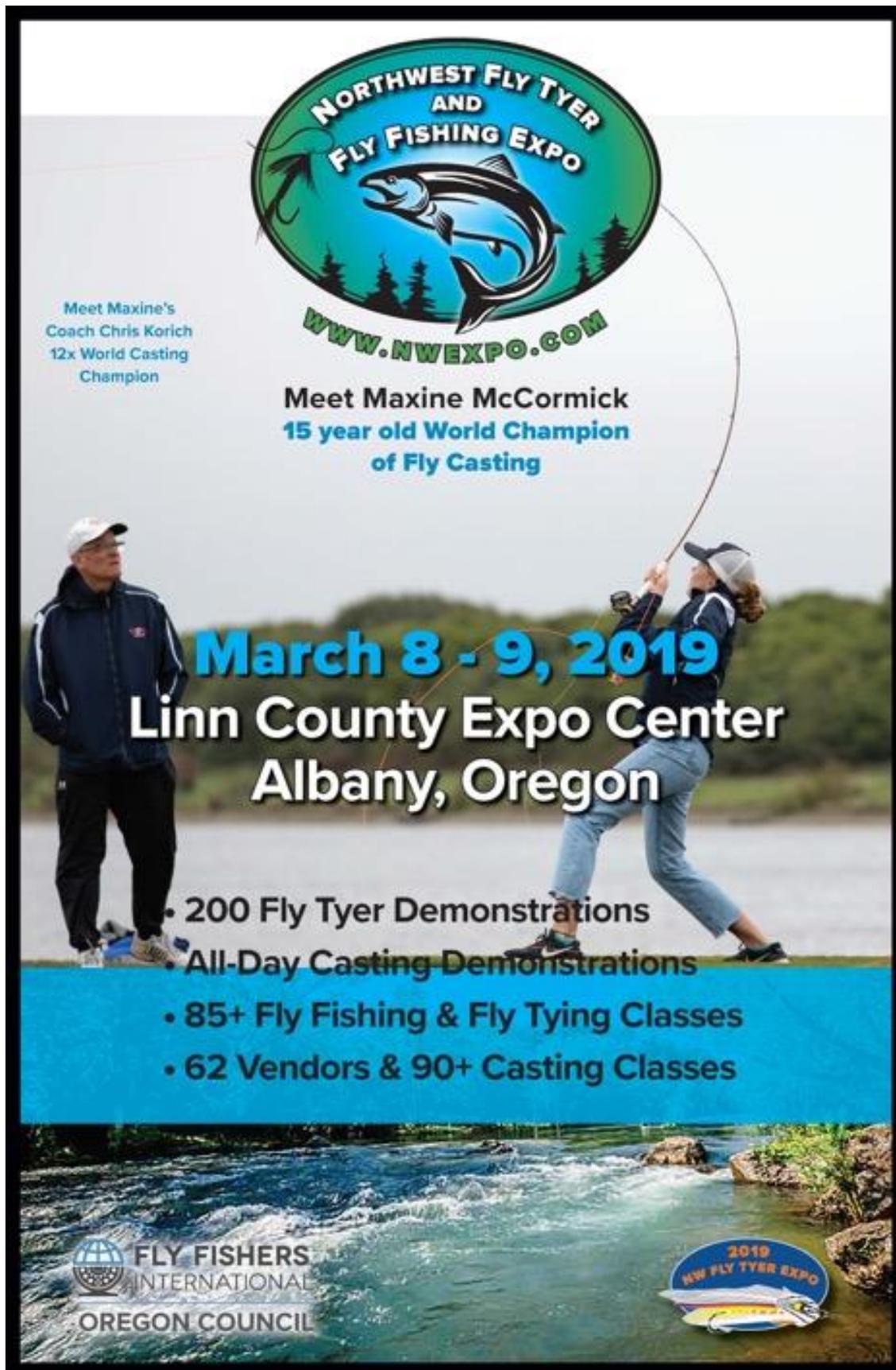
The Ledge at 369 S 6th St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented.

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



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia
is on Holiday - check back in the January
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