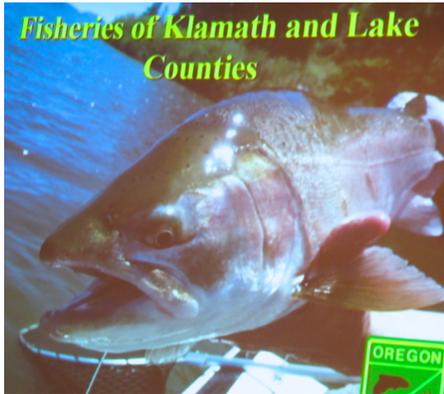




# NEWSLETTER

## “Fisheries of Klamath and Lake Counties” *with Bill Tinniswood*



### Calendar

March 11-12: NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, Oregon

March 15: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood

April 3: Club outing to Pyramid Lake

April 19: Club Auction

May 17: Club meeting with instructional topics

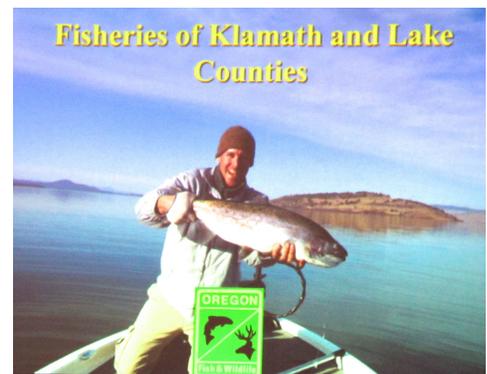
June 4: Club casting tune-up at Moore Park

Tuesday, March 15th is the date of KCFC’s best-attended meeting of the year! We are fortunate to once again have Club member Bill Tinniswood come share his professional advice on which Klamath Basin fisheries should be fishing well this year and which ones maybe not so well. In addition, Bill will be explaining the new fishing regulations that have gone into effect this year.



Bill is the Acting District Fish Biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and has a wealth of knowledge about local waters. His presentations are always jam-packed with information; be sure to bring pencil and paper for note-taking! Also, bring your questions. Bill is always gracious about sharing answers!

As always, the dinner hour starts around 6:00, with Bill’s program beginning around 7:00. See you there!



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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**

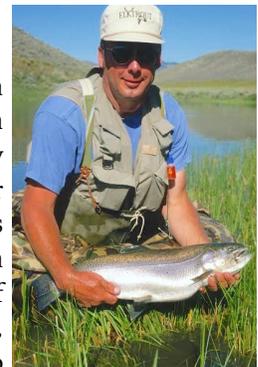
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| Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia     | Programs: Bob Kingzett        |
| Membership: Mark Kelley       | Social/Auction: Lois Krueger  |
| Mentoring: Dave Biddison      |                               |

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](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens**

March will be an exciting month for our Club members. First, on March 11 and 12, plan on attending the Oregon Council of the IFFF’s annual fly fishing and fly tying expo in Albany. You will find it well worth the trip. There will be classes on all aspects of fly fishing, free casting demonstrations at the casting pond, vendors with all of your needs for fly fishing and fly tying (with many items on sale), fly tying demonstrations by many tyers all day both days, and many books and magazines on display by Amato Publications with some on sale. Our Club members will be very involved. Dale Zemke is in charge of education at the Expo; John Hyde will be teaching and he and Jerri will have a booth, Harry Craggs will be one of the many tyers, and the rest of us will be enjoying the Expo and spending some time at the Club’s knot tying booth. Join us at the booth if you can. It is a lot of fun and the Club has detailed illustrations of all of the knots that we tie so you don’t have to be a knot tying expert.



On the Tuesday following the Expo we will have one of our most popular programs. Bill Tinniswood will be informing us about the fishing prospects for the year at most of the lakes and streams in Klamath and Lake Counties.

Hopefully some of you have taken advantage of the new fishing regulations and will share your experiences with us at the March meeting.

See you at the meeting,  
Dick

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

Please welcome our newest KCFC member, Jerry Robillard! Be sure to seek him out at the next meeting and introduce yourself.

Thanks, too, to all you loyal members who have paid your dues and “re-upped!”



**AUCTION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING**



The annual KCFC fundraising auction will be held at the April 19th meeting. Auction Chair, Lois Krueger would love to accept your donated items! (Remember to ask her for a receipt so that the value of things you donate can be applied toward your taxes.)

Lois asks that you have your donations to her NO LATER than the FIRST OF APRIL. Please do not bring items the night of the auction. She will be happy to pick up your donations, if you need.

If your donation is a trip or fishing opportunity, please email her a description by April 1st.

She is also in need of some volunteers to help set up and clean up.

You may reach Lois at 541 539-1555 or email her at [lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com](mailto:lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com) .

## EGGS TO FRY REPORT



On February 3rd, Club volunteers met at Elmer’s Restaurant to take delivery of trout eggs to deliver to thirteen classrooms in nine different schools in Klamath Falls and Tulelake. Plus, trout eggs were delivered to the Klamath County Library and the local YMCA after school program.



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. Thanks go to Club members Greg and Karen Williams, Jim Ricks, Mark Kelley, New Member Ronald Pierce, and Dale Zemke for delivering the trout eggs and providing classroom presentations. Marshal Moser gets a double thank you for not only delivering eggs to a classroom, but for transporting the eggs from the Klamath Hatchery near Fort Klamath to Elmer’s so that we could divvy them up for final distribution. Also, a thank you to Akimi King of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife who provided local support for what is an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife program under the direction of Step Biologist Jennifer Luke in Bend OR. Akimi also made the deliveries to the 2 classrooms in Tulelake Elementary, saving our volunteers from having to make that trip.

Some feedback from our volunteers:

“I enjoyed my experience at Peterson. The kids were enthusiastic. In particular, the eyes of the embryo made them squeal.”



“The kids had recently seen videos and discussed all that will happen. They were asking some questions of her and telling their own fishing stories and all seemed enthused. She put the eggs under the projector and showed the eggs on the screen so they could see movement in the eggs. Then she took the eggs to be viewed up close at each table of kiddos before placing them in the aquarium. Her aquarium was at 41 degrees, she said, ‘A bit chilly’ right now.”

“The Ponderosa class was extremely polite and full of questions about fly fishing, fly tying, hatching eggs, as well as a slightly tangential discussion of college and careers in science and health care. The eggs arrived in good condition and the children were very enthusiastic about their project.”

“The students were very excited to be getting their fish eggs, but were a little less on task due to age. By that time the paper the eggs were wrapped in had become frozen to the cloth and ice below it, so it was more of a challenge to get the packet of eggs out intact. All the eggs were successfully deposited in the prepared tank.”

## CLUB OUTING TO PYRAMID LAKE



As in recent years, Club member, Bob Gregory will be spearheading the Club outing to Pyramid Lake, Nevada in early April. Anyone who has gone on this trip will tell you that Pyramid Lake fishing is unique, challenging, and, if you catch one of those 20 pound Lahontans, rewarding! There is camping available right on the lakeshore, or hotels are nearby.

Please contact Bob for all the information! You may reach him at 541 884-0092. Or, contact Outings Chair, Jim Ricks at [mtnestinor@gmail.com](mailto:mtnestinor@gmail.com) or 541 205-3274.



The Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is an annual event put on by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00am.

The main attraction is over 200 demonstration tyers who rotate every 2 ½ hours over the two days. There are 70 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch the tyer. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables and find an open seat. Even if you are not interested in a specific type of fly, a lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate different techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so it is a great opportunity to learn in a classroom environment. There are some casting classes that are 1 on 1, which provide excellent opportunities to work on specific casting problems. There are casting classes that cover both single and double handed casting. The fly fishing classes will help prepare you to go to a specific location. You can sign-up for classes on the Expo website – <http://nwexpo.com>, starting in January 2016. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year.

Over 50 exhibitors attend the Expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats. The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in once place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that are one of a kind and make special gifts.

Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items. During the banquet two college students who are majoring in fishery management are awarded scholarships. The students give a short talk one what they are studying and it provides a look at the research that is being done on the behalf of fly fishers.

The Expo is put on by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the 2016 Expo!

## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### PMD SPARKLE DUN

The Sparkle Dun is a great dry fly emerger. The Z-lon yarn for the tail imitates the emerging insect's shuck. This is a vulnerable stage for any insect and hungry trout know that! The Sparkle Dun adult mayfly pattern was developed by Craig Mathews of West Yellowstone, Montana.



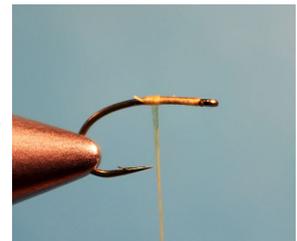
Pale Morning Duns (PMDs) usually hatch mid to late morning. But, during some magic days, hatches can continue into the late afternoon. In our local rivers these hatches start in June and run into August. Healthy insects are most vulnerable when sliding from their nymphal skin. At this stage they can neither swim, nor fly. Some trout will completely ignore healthy duns and key only on insects that are "hung in the shuck". Trout can feed ravenously on duns during peak hatches. If this happens, you can experience some of the best dry fly fishing. The patterns listed below span a number of colors and silhouettes. All are appropriate at times. PMD behavior can vary between species and different stages of the hatch.

#### Materials:

Hook: TMC 2488 or TMC 101 #14 - #18  
 Thread: Pale Yellow 8/0  
 Shuck: Amber Z-lon  
 Wing: Costal Deer Hair – Bleached  
 Body: PMD Superfine Dubbing

#### Instructions:

Attach the thread at the rear edge of the index point. Wrap a smooth thread base back to the midpoint on the hook and forward again to the seventy five percent point. Leave the thread hanging at the seventy-five percent point.



Cut, clean and stack a small clump of bleached costal deer hair and measure it against the hook so it is equal to one shank length. Lay the hair in with the tips pointing out over the hook eye. Tie the hair down at the seventy-five percent point. Trim the butt ends of the hair at an angle so they transition smoothly to the hook shank.

Tie in a sparse clump of amber Z-lon at the base of the wing and wrap back over it to the bend so it sticks out the back of the hook like a tail.





Bring the thread to the front of the wing and build a thread dam against the front edge of the hair to stand it up vertically.

Apply a thin, even layer of dubbing to the thread. Start the dubbing at the bend of the hook and work forward to the back edge of the wing forming a smoothly tapered body. Cross to the front of the wing on the underside of the hook and continue dubbing up to the hook eye. Wrap the dubbing back again to the front of the wing and taper back down toward the hook eye, ending with bare thread at the rear edge of the index point.



Whip finish and clip the thread. Splay the wing with your fingertips so it spreads nearly 180 degrees across the front of the fly. Trim the shuck so it is equal in length to the hook shank.



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TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

## MISSING DVDs



KCFC has a great library, located in the wooden cabinet at Elmer's. It is open during every meeting for Club members to peruse the shelves and choose something of interest. No librarian is needed; we go on the Honor System!

It was noted recently that ALL of the Club DVDs are gone and have been gone for some time. KCFC has quite a financial investment in these DVDs, and they are for all to share. Please look around your shelves at home.... If you find a DVD or book that belongs to the Club, please return it soon so that others may enjoy it, too!

Thanks!



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