



NEWSLETTER

“Casting Tune-Up in Moore Park”

with John Hyde



Calendar

June 6: Casting Tune-Up at Moore Park

June 10: Free showing of the Frank Moore film “Mending the Line”

June 13: Club Outing to Juanita Lake

June 15: R.A.P. Camp

June 20: Club Outing to the Upper Williamson

July 25: Annual KCFC Picnic

August 11-15: IFFF Fair in Bend

KCFC has had an amazing year of programs, events and outings this year and now it’s time to kick off summer with our annual Casting Tune-Up in Moore Park! This gathering counts as our June meeting and will be Saturday, June 6th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. John Hyde will lead the event and members are encouraged to bring rod, reel, line, and some friends! Please also bring your own lunch and non-alcoholic beverage. The Casting Tune-Up is open to the public and is a great way to recruit new KCFC members!

See you on June 6th!



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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

Be sure to invite a friend or two to come along to the Casting Tune-Up at Moore Park on June 6th. It's a fun way to introduce folks to our Club!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

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Membership: Mark Kelley

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Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows

Nominating: Dick Siemens

Outings: Jim Ricks

Programs: Bob Kingzett

Social Events/Annual

Auction: Lois Krueger

UPCOMING OUTING TO JUANITA LAKE

Contributed by Stream Keeper, Tom Whittemore

Juanita Lake is the Club outing destination for June 13. Along Highway 97 near Macdoel, California, this campground is set amongst fir trees and Ponderosa pines and is situated along a 55 acre spring fed lake. According to Cal Fish and Game, the lake is stocked four times a year with a number of trophy size trout. Bass and catfish also are caught at the lake.



Carolina and I were at the lake May 15 on opening day and fish were rising along the dike foot trail. Fishing should be good! There is a good boat ramp but no motors of any kind are allowed. Float tubes, pontoons and kayaks are the perfect choice but drift boats will work as well. A Cal fishing license is required and can be purchased on line at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/

Directions to Juanita Lake: US 97 south from Klamath Falls. Proceed south from Reames Golf Club 30.9 miles to Goosenest Ranger Station, then another 2 tenths of a mile to Ball Mountain Road. Turn right. Proceed past the Prather Ranch sign to the Juanita Lake sign, a total of 5.5 miles to the lake. There is no charge for day parking, overnight camping is \$15 a night and the park has been recently renovated. I would rate the facility as AAA+. Plan to meet at the boat ramp at 9am.

Please contact me for more information: Tom Whittemore, at waterouzel16@yahoo.com .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday Evening June 15th: R.A.P. (Resources And People) Camp This event is for 13 to 18 year olds from urban areas. Held at Esther Applegate Camp (Lake of the Woods), the camp is jointly sponsored by State and Federal Agencies and exposes urban youth to outdoor activities. We teach groups of 20 teens at a time how to tie a Wooly Worm fly, beginning at 6:10 PM and ending at 9:00 PM. We need about 10-12 volunteers to assist participants while one demonstrates the tying of the fly. The Camp invites us to have dinner with the campers in their Mess Hall at about 5:30 PM. It has been a very satisfying event for our previous volunteers and the participants. The campers are really great kids and enjoy this particular event. You can sign up at the May meeting or contact either our Education Chairman, Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com , 541-591-1421, or the onsite coordinator, John Krueger at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com ,541-539-1505.

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The May elections resulted in the following KCFC officers and Board members being elected:



President:	Dick Siemens
Vice President:	Carol Ann Meadows
Treasurer:	Peg Edwards
Secretary:	Peter Calvo
Board Member:	John Hyde
Board Member:	Robert (Bob) Kingzett
Board Member:	Lois Krueger
Board Member:	James (Jim) Ricks

Congratulations to the newly elected officials!

FILM TRIBUTE TO FRANK MOORE



In the summer of 1944, Frank Moore, one of our KCFC founding fathers, crossed a bridge in France with a convoy of other soldiers. As he looked over to the water below, he saw an Atlantic salmon. Moments later, he saw a fly rod leaning against the wall of a small cafe. These images haunted him throughout the war, his return to his beloved wife Jeanne, and his struggle with what we now call PTSD. Sixty-nine years later, Frank returned to France, this time with Jeanne at his side, and he finally fished that stream.



On June 10th, KCFC is hosting a free showing of the documentary, "Mending the Line," which chronicles the Moores' travel back to France. When we spoke to her at the Expo, Jeanne said, "Frank calls this film a fishing story. I call it a love story." You will have to decide for yourself, but we believe it is both.



This free showing will be Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 pm in the College Union Auditorium at OIT. Believe me, you will NOT want to miss seeing this film!



MORE TRIBUTE TO FRANK MOORE!!

Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have recognized a fellow Oregonian's long and distinguished legacy of conservation and habitat preservation by introducing a bill to designate more than 100,000 acres of public lands in Oregon as the "Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary."

The Oregon senators named their legislation in honor of Frank Moore because of his outstanding accomplishments starting in World War II and then continuing for nearly two decades as the proprietor of the Steamboat Inn along the North Umpqua River. Throughout his life, Moore has shared his passion for fishing, the river, and the outdoors with visitors from all over the world.

The approximately 104,000 acres of Forest Service land in the state that the bill would designate as the "Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary" are north of the North Umpqua River around Steamboat Creek in Douglas County.

excerpted from a Ron Wyden press release

CONSERVATION REPORT, by Greg Bulkley

Wiest Ranch Project: On Saturday morning, May 23, 14 of us gathered at the Wiest Ranch on the Lower Williamson River to complete the project that our Club initiated to restore the riparian area with large junipers keyed into the bank, fencing to preclude hoof damage to the banks, and the planting of native shrubs and grasses along the bank to stabilize it from washout from Spring runoff. All of the former work had been completed by our partners, the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Services Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. With a



great turnout of hard working volunteers, the work was completed rapidly: we planted and caged a large number of native willows, chokecherries, spirea, and other shrubs, and then seeded the areas laid bare by the planting and previous excavation with native riparian grasses. Upon completion of the work, as much fun as work with such a good turnout, we all enjoyed a delicious tri-tip barbecue kindly provided by landowner Tim Wiest. Since this was opening day for fishing on the Lower Williamson, most of the volunteers then went fishing, either from the Wiest Ranch, or launching their drift boats from the Williamson Store next door. Unfortunately, your reporter had to leave early to catch an airplane, so the fishing report will have to be provided by others, but even early reports heard that morning suggested that the Williamson River, surprisingly not blown out by all of the recent rainfall, was fishing very well. The KCFC thanks Tim Wiest, USFWS, KBRT, as well as funding from the Oregon Council of the IFFF and the national office of the IFFF, but most of all the Club's eager volunteers for successfully completing this ambitious project.

Spencer Creek Project: Sometime this fall we will complete the Spencer Creek Project, an analogous effort to stabilize and repair the riparian area of one of the most important venues for the spawning of the native redband trout that populate the Klamath River below the John C. Boyle dam. Our Club member, Christie Adelsberger of KBRT has just successfully completed the required cultural/archeological survey and plans to place the large wood and riparian fencing can now proceed. This important project, also co-funded by our grant from ORCIFFF and the national IFFF, with matching funds from KBRT, will be completed by riparian plantings by our Club volunteers after the construction work is completed. Once again the Club gratefully thanks our generous funders and conservation partners.

Passing the torch: With the completion of the Wiest Ranch Project, Jared Bottcher will take over from me as the Chair of the KCFC Conservation Committee. Jared, the Director of the KBRT, has just returned from Washington, D.C., where he and Chrysten Lambert received, of behalf of the KBRT, the prestigious "Rise to the Future" award. This award recognizes the extensive progress that the KBRT has made here in the Klamath Basin over the years. Many of these projects so recognized, including the massive North Ditch North Fork Sprague River fish screen and passage, the Deming ranch riparian restorations of the South Fork Sprague River and the Deming Creek were projects completed with funding and volunteer work from our Club, and from our funding partners listed above. Under Jared's leadership, the KCFC can look forward to continued national leadership in fisheries and watershed restoration. While many well meaning conservation organizations direct their efforts largely towards advocacy and lobbying, the Klamath Country Fly Casters focus their efforts of getting work done on the ground, eschewing political controversy so as to be able to partner with disparate interests to permanently improve our fisheries for the benefit of all of our stakeholder partners, and, most of all, for the fish. (In my personal view, hard work on the ground beats hot air every time.) I want to express my sincere thanks to all of our partners, but especially to Sue Mattenberger of USFWS and to our loyal Club volunteers for all of the progress we have made here in the Klamath Basin over the past 8 years.

WIEST RANCH WORK DAY, reported by Sue Mattenberger

It was a good day, and we got the work done quickly and enjoyed a lovely bbq meal together. Many hands make light work. I'd especially like to thank the following people who showed up and helped plant over 250 plants along the Williamson River:

Stan Swerdloff
 Vard Miller
 Marshall Mosier
 Uike Ngata
 Tom Whittsmoke
 Dave Biadeson
 Jim Harmon
 Patrick Stroup
 Jacqui Graham
 Greg Bulkley
 Ruth Olsen
 Alia Richardson
 Jessica Anderson
 Jared Bottcher
 Sue Mattenberger
 and our generous landowner, Tim Wiest



CLUB OUTING TO THE UPPER WILLIAMSON

Jim Ricks is leading a Club outing to the Upper Williamson River on June 20th. Please contact him for details! Jim may be reached at: 541 205-3274 or mtnestinor@gmail.com.



KCFC PICNIC

This year's KCFC picnic will be hosted by Steve Hilbert at the Lonesome Duck in Chiloquin on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Watch your newsletters and email for further details, but mark your calendars now for this fun event!

KLAMATH BASIN RANGELAND TRUST RECEIVES AWARD

The Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (KBRT) is proud to announce that it has received a National Rise to the Future 'Partnership' Award from the U.S. Forest Service. The Fremont-Winema National Forest's Fisheries and Aquatics Program nominated the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust for their exceptional partnership on several stream and flow restoration projects completed in the Upper Klamath Basin. Jared Bottcher, Executive Director, and Chrysten Lambert, former Director of Water Transactions, will accept the award at the annual Rise to the Future awards ceremony on May 18th in Washington, D.C.

The Rise to the Future award acknowledges accomplishments on both public and private lands in the Upper Klamath Basin, including the Williamson River, Sevenmile Creek, Fourmile Creek, and the Upper Sprague River (Deming Creek and the North Fork Sprague River). Specifically, this award recognizes Chrysten Lambert's outstanding achievements in restoring flow to a historically dewatered stretch of Sevenmile Creek in the Wood River Valley. The voluntary instream water transfer is one of the largest completed with a single water user in Oregon and permanently protects 13 cfs instream between April and July, dropping to 6 cfs after July. Significant progress has also been made towards transferring nearly 80% of irrigation water rights off of Deming Creek in the Upper Sprague Basin. Both Sevenmile and Deming Creeks are cold water tributaries that, with adequate instream flows, will allow native trout to migrate between tributary and mainstem habitats and buffer these populations against the potential effects of catastrophic events and climate change.

Phillip Gaines, Fishery Program Manager for the Fremont-Winema National Forest, said of the flow restoration achievements: "Increased instream flows below irrigation diversions on Forest Service property has provided a tremendous opportunity for redband and bull trout to expand their range beyond headwater stream reaches, exhibit a migratory life history, and recolonize unoccupied habitat."

KBRT's Restoration Department has also partnered with the Forest Service on several restoration projects to improve passage and habitat for native fishes throughout the Fremont-Winema National Forest. In 2014, KBRT worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve upstream fish passage and prevent fish entrainment at a large irrigation diversion on the North Fork Sprague River. This diversion was unscreened since it was constructed in 1900 and had posed a significant entrainment hazard for outmigrating redband trout, bull trout, and Klamath lamprey. KBRT also led a large multi-year restoration project to improve habitat complexity and spawning habitat to four miles of the Williamson River, upstream of Collier State Park. Post-project monitoring revealed extensive utilization of the large wood structures and spawning gravel. Several other fish passage and habitat restoration projects have also been completed with the Forest Service as a primary partner, including restoring elements of an alluvial fan to Fourmile Creek near Harriman Spring. Phillip Gaines noted that it would have been nearly impossible for the Forest Service to implement these projects without the support of Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust and points to other on-going restoration projects as a testament to the strong partnership that has developed between KBRT and the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

KBRT would like thank the steadfast support of the Fremont-Winema National Forest and several other federal, state, and private partners, without which these accomplishments would not have been possible. Specifically, we would like to thank the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Klamath Falls Office (Partners Program and Endangered Species staff), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Klamath Tribes, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Meyer Memorial Trust, the Turner Foundation, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust, the Brainerd Foundation, Patagonia World Trout Initiative, **Klamath Country Fly Casters**, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, JaCox Ranch Oregon Ltd, and Deming Creek Land and Cattle LLC.



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Editor's Note: Ralph is recovering from a recent cardiac event and we are running a repeat of the May, 2014 "Indispensable Flies" while he is resting. Feel better soon, Ralph!

ZUG BUG

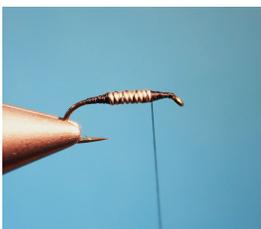
The Zug Bug is an older pattern that bears a striking resemblance to its younger cousin, the Prince Nymph. Since the Zug Bug imitates cased caddis and caddis larvae, it's important to develop a cigar-shaped body. Utilizing lead-free wire wraps on the middle of the shank along with a dubbed underbody helps to promote the proper profile. Unique to this fly is the wing case which is only tied down at the front and gives the Zug a caddis-type wing appearance. The use of Peacock Herl for the body and Peacock Sword for the tail also gives this fly a great attraction quality. I like this bug because it features lots of fish-catching peacock herl and is just a little something different. Fish the Zug as you would any nymph.



Materials

Hook:	TMC 3761 #12-18
Thread:	Black 8/0 UNI
Weight:	Lead Wire
Underbody:	Dark Dubbing, Black Superfine
Tail:	Peacock Sword fibers
Rib:	Copper Wire
Collar:	Brown Hen Neck
Wingcase:	Mallard Flank

Instructions



Make about a dozen wraps of lead wire on the hook shank. Make sure to leave a bit of room at the front of the shank behind the eye. Start the thread at the back of the lead wraps and make a thread dam on either end of the lead wraps, tapering up onto the lead from the bare shank.

Dub a smoothly tapered underbody using a fine dark dubbing. This underbody will help to shape and taper the peacock over-body.



Select four or five peacock sword fibers and measure them so they are just short of a shank length. Tie the peacock swords in at the bend of the hook forming the tail. If there is any curve to the swords (and there always is), try to make them sweep upwards. Wrap forward over the butt ends of the swords to near the front of the tapered underbody and clip the excess.



Tie a piece of copper wire in at the bend of the hook.

Tie in a small bunch of 4-6 peacock herls at the front of the underbody. Wrap the thread tightly back over them to the bend and then return the thread to the front.



Spiral wrap the wire forward over the peacock to the front of the body.

Select a hen neck feather and tie it in at the front edge of the body with the inside of the feather facing the body. Fold the hackle fibers to the backside of the stem in preparation for a wet fly style collar. Wrap the hen feather three or four turns and tie it off just behind the hook eye.





Strip the fibers from the base of a dyed mallard flank feather. Tie the base of the mallard feather in just behind the hook eye.

Whip finish and clip the thread. Clip the mallard feather straight across at the fifty-fifty point.



SIDE VIEW



TOP VIEW

2015 NW FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO REPORT

submitted by John Kreft, 2015 Expo Chair

The 2015 NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo is over for another year and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the fly fishing clubs throughout Oregon for their efforts to make the Expo a success.

As the only fund raiser event for the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, all Expo profits provides dollars to fund 2 OSU fisheries scholarships, conservation projects in Oregon, and other education projects for member clubs in Oregon.

Here are some final numbers:

Net profit of over \$20,000

Attendance – approximately 1,800

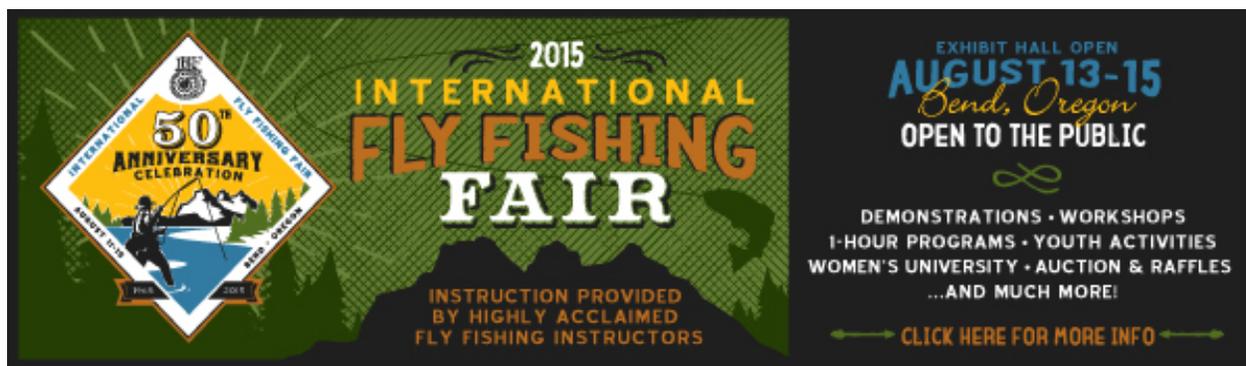
Classes – 183 students participated in 56 classes

Tyers – 200 fly tyers demonstrated at 72 tables over 2 days

Volunteers – over 200 volunteers helped this year

If your club served a major roll volunteering at the Expo, thank you. If you'd like to increase your presence we could sure use your help. The Expo can only continue with volunteers from clubs like yours. And we need some help for next year. Key positions to be filled are in Classes, Catering & Hospitality, Auctions/Raffle, Merchandise, and Advertising/Promotion. These are important positions and filling them will directly impact the success of next year's Expo and create a profit to operate the Oregon Council.

I hope to see you on March 11 & 12, 2016!



This year marks the 50th anniversary of the IFFF. Because the IFFF originated in Oregon, the Fair is being held at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend. This event offers educational opportunities for all who attend. There are fee-based workshops, free programs and demonstrations. The exhibit hall will be open August 13 - 15, and the latest gear the vendors have to offer will be on display.

For more information, please look at the IFFF website: fedflyfishers.org.



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