



NEWSLETTER

“Fly Tying Demonstrations”

with KCFC’s Experts



Calendar

January 17: P.L.A.Y. Outdoors

January 20: Club meeting with KCFC fly tiers

February 17: Club meeting with John Hyde: Fishing in Cuba

March 13-14: Expo in Albany

March 17: Club meeting with Bill Tinniswood

April 21: Annual Auction

Happy New Year! As is our KCFC tradition, we kick off 2015 with a program that is always a big hit. Three of our own KCFC members, Ralph Carestia, Harry Craggs and a mystery person to be announced later, will demonstrate how to tie various flies that should be in your fly box.

As we did last year, cameras will be set up so that you can see what they are doing as they explain the steps and materials involved. They will also answer your questions about the flies and the tying techniques.

The meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th at Elmer’s Restaurant. Plan to be there around 6:00 for dinner and perhaps a sneak preview of what will presented at the 7:00 program. 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.

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

The January KCFC meeting is always phenomenal — so much practical fly tying information! Invite a friend to come with you!

It would be a great way to introduce someone new to our Club!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

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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: Bob Kingzett

Social Events/Annual

Auction: Lois Krueger

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, by Dale Zemke



Well, we are into a new year already. And the first thing I must address is that we are behind where we were last year at this time in getting memberships renewed. It is important that this be done timely as we do have ongoing club expenses that require your timely support. I will be going out to those who have not renewed and asking them if they want me to move them from the Club’s Active Membership rolls to the Inactive Membership list. I need to do this as I need to publish an updated Membership Directory by the end of January, and I need to remove non-active members from the Membership Directory. There is a membership renewal form in this issue of the newsletter, and Mark Kelley will be at the door at the meeting on January 20th to accept membership renewals. So please take advantage of these opportunities to renew your membership - it is still only \$35.00 per year for a family membership - that price cannot be beaten anywhere.

With that out of the way, I would like to let you know that we have made the Dave Scadden Pontoon Boat a complete package with an anchor system and a carrying bag to pack and store/transport the boat in when not inflated. The package also contains a double action air pump for rapid inflation of the boat. It now is pretty much “turn key” for the lucky winner of this package valued at about \$1,750.00. So for \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00 you can obtain tickets with the potential of winning this awesome pontoon boat at the May meeting (or before that if the tickets are all sold at an earlier date.)

One good reason to go for the pontoon boat is the schedule of club outings this year. Last year we had 5 club fishing outings. This year we are already looking at a possibility of 11 outings - about a 50/50 mix of stream and lake fishing. If you check out the events and outings page in the Club web site (klamathcountryflycasters.com) you will find the list of outings as they stand today. Some still need to have dates nailed down and some have yet to have a destination determined, but these are people who have stepped up to make this happen this year. I extend a huge thank you to them all as they are giving the membership opportunities for some enjoyable fishing. And it does not have to end with what is on that list - contact our Outings Chairman, Jim Ricks, at mtnestinor@gmail.com, if you would like to join in on offering to host a trip.

This has become long enough, so I will sign off until we get together at the January meeting wishing every one Tight Lines!



ROD BUILDING CLASS

Tom Whittemore and Tim Lancaster are offering a rod building class for KCFC members and friends. Classes will start Wednesday, January 7, at 7pm and last for one hour. They will be held at Eternal Hills in the conference room once a week for 6 weeks or until the rods are completed. Tom and Tim will proctor the classes. Rod building instruction, materials, and tools will be provided. Each participant will need to bring his or her rod kit including thread and will need to purchase the high quality spiral bound instruction book that President Dale Zemke has assembled and published. The cost for the book is \$12.00. For further information contact Tom Whittemore at 541-274-0594 or email at waterouzel16@yahoo.com.

P.L.A.Y. OUTDOORS

P.L.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors is just around the corner. On Saturday, January 17, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, a team of volunteers from our Club will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting at the Event Center in the Klamath County Fairgrounds. We have done this for the past three years, and it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding event for members and children alike. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for this upcoming event, look for the sign up sheet coming around at the upcoming meeting. You may also contact Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com or 541-591-1421 and he will be more than happy to add you to the list of volunteers as either a fly tying or fly casting instructor. Remember, the fly we tie is a very simple Wooly Worm, so you do not need to be an expert. "Ugly" flies are quite acceptable in a child's eye! Go for a fun day and help a kid get interested in fly fishing.

Happy New Year

EGGS TO FRY

Sometime in January, the Club will again be assisting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local schools by delivering trout eggs to classrooms. This is a program that exists under a variety of names throughout the country, often called Trout in the Classroom. Here in Oregon it is "Eggs to Fry." The children learn how trout grow 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 KCFC delivered eggs to 13 classrooms in 9 schools. Jennifer Luke, a STEP Biologist with ODFW, High Desert Region, will be driving down from Bend and meeting Dale Zemke in Chemult to transfer eggs for transport to Klamath Falls. We 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 particular classroom may need. The feedback from the volunteers after delivery last year was delightful to read - it was a great experience for all involved. 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 out on this, please sign up on the volunteer sheet circulated at meetings, or advise our Education Chairman, Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com or 541-591-1421.



PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

This year's KCFC Progressive Raffle features as the prize a Scadden Outlaw Renegade Pontoon Boat, valued at \$1,750.00. The prize package includes boat, seat, oars, cargo storage, anchor system, double action air pump, and carrying bag.



The Renegade brought heat welded bladderless Unitrac pontoon technology to the pontoon boat world. It provides simplicity without sacrificing performance. It has bagged a first descent in Alaska and conquered a number of class IV and class V white water rivers. It has quickly become the boat of choice for northwest steelheaders and fly-in wilderness destination junkies. It has tamed the four-foot whitecaps of every major western impoundment on the map. By virtue of its technologically advanced yet simplistic design, it is the boat that is always there for you. Its in the back seat of your truck, the trunk of your car, in the tail of a de Havilland Beaver and has found its way into the baggage compartment of every major airline on the planet. When your destination is reached, it inflates in less than one minute with an LVM pump and less than three minutes with a hand pump. You throw it in the water, sit down on the F16 seat, hit the oars and get lost. There is no assembly - no frame, no springer clips, no cam straps, no nuts and bolts - most of all, no hassles. The Outlaw Renegade is a full size, full capacity, front entry pontoon boat with a huge 800 pound capacity, class V whitewater rating and exclusive bladderless technology pontoons that fits into an airline specific travel bag that is the size of a standard suitcase. It has quickly become the go-to boat for hard-core professional anglers around the world. People who demand the best. People like you. The Outlaw Renegade can be your next boat!

Raffle tickets sell for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00!

We are selling 300 tickets and when they are sold, we will draw the name of the lucky winner. They can be bought by anyone, so give some as gifts or get your friends, relatives or fishing buddies to purchase tickets.

TIPS AND TRICKS, by John Hyde

A lot of the fishing that we do requires the fly to be stripped in to imitate bait fish, leeches or swimming nymphs. It is very important when fishing this way to keep your rod tip right in the water. This keeps your line tight and keeps you in contact with the fly. Just remember that it does not take a hard strike to set the hook, the fish will usually set themselves. Let the fish turn, then pull to the side.



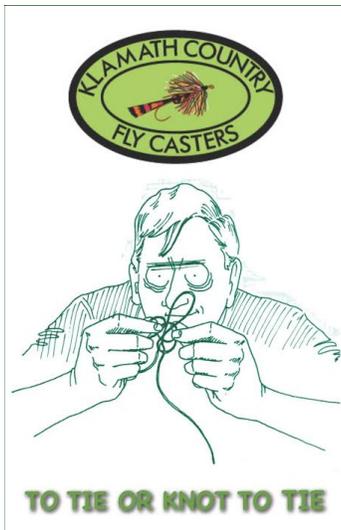
NORTHWEST FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO

The 2015 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo, held March 13 and 14 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon is one of the nation's largest fly-fishing events. Celebrating its 27th year, this expansive event features vendors, classes, and demonstrations. The cornerstone of the Expo is the amazing collection of more than 200 demonstration fly tiers dressing everything from the tiniest trout flies to the showiest steelhead and Atlantic salmon patterns.

Classes are being finalized and will be posted to the website (www.nwexpo.com) in January 2015. In addition, banquet tickets and merchandise can be purchased on the website as well.

The Expo serves as a fundraiser for the Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers. Proceeds are used for fisheries scholarships, conservation grants and grants to member clubs.

For more information, contact John Kreft, 2015 Expo Chair at jckreft@gmail.com.



KCFC staffs the ‘Knot Tying Table’ at the Expo. We need volunteers who would like to attend the Expo and spend some time helping at our knot tying table. As a volunteer, you get free admission to the Expo for both days. We would ask that volunteers do one shift per day, based on the number of volunteers, and that should leave ample free time to enjoy the Expo. This has proven to be a great way to give exposure and status to our Club to other clubs and FFF members.

The event is very relaxed and does not require you to be a knot expert. Usually, with a gathering of fly anglers, there is knowledge of the basic knots, and we get an opportunity to learn from each other as well as from people who stop by the table. In a nutshell, the thing ends up being just a bunch of fishermen, hosts, and visitors, getting together to share knot skills in a very low key environment.

The basic knots we will be covering are the Arbor, Nail, Perfection Loop, Surgeons Loop, Kreh Loop, Duncan Loop, Surgeons Knot, Blood Knot (both versions), and Improved Clinch Knot. Materials and knot diagrams are prepared and will be available along with supplies - you just need to bring you. If any of the volunteers has a favorite knot they would like to share and feature, that is great but not essential.

The more volunteers we have the more free time everyone will have. Please contact Patrick Stroup at pastorstroup@aol.com if you can help out. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January and February Club meetings also. Please mark your calendars now! Sign up as a volunteer and join us for a fun weekend!

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

GUIDES' CHOICE HARE'S EAR

This cool pattern comes from Greater Yellowstone Fly Fishers. The pattern is sort of a dressed up Hare's Ear with many unique features that imitates emerging caddis or mayfly. The Guides' Choice Hare's Ear has soft hackle as a collar and a peacock herl thorax. It is best dead drifted on a nymph rig, but many fish pick it up as the fly is swung at the end of your drift. I use a tungsten bead for extra weight. The Guides' Choice Hare's Ear is most often tied in size #10-18. An amazing little fly!!



Recipe:

- Hook: TMC 3761 #10-18
- Bead: Tungsten color of choice and sized to hook
- Weight: Lead or non-lead wire
- Thread: UTC 70 Denier, red
- Tail: Hare's Mask guard hairs
- Rib: Gold BR ultra-wire
- Abdomen: Light Natural Hare's Mask
- Thorax: Peacock Herl
- Collar: Hungarian partridge

Instructions:

Slide the bead on the hook and up to the eye. Make 12-15 turns of .25 lead wire along the shank. Break off the lead wraps and shove it into the back of the bead.



Start the thread at the back of the lead wraps and build a thread dam tapering up to the diameter of the lead. Continue the thread base to the back of the bend of the hook.

Clip a small clump of the dark colored hair from the center of a hare's mask. Measure the guard hair to just a touch longer than a half shank or so and tie it in at the bend of the hook.





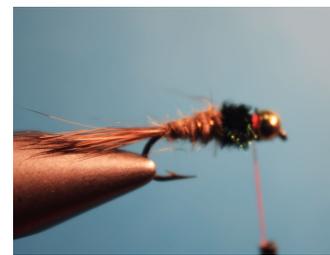
Tie in a piece of gold wire along the near side of the shank and wrap back over it to the bend of the hook.

Dub the thread with a thin noodle of light colored hare's mask dubbing and build a tapered abdomen from the bend of the hook up to the 75% point.



Spiral wrap the gold rib forward over the abdomen with five evenly spaced turns. Feel free to counter-wrap the wire if you like (I usually do!). Tie the wire off at the front of the abdomen and break off the excess.

Clip the tips of three or four nice peacock herls and tie them in at the front of the abdomen. Twist the peacock into a chenille with the tying thread as you would dubbing and wrap the peacock to the back of the bead. Clip the excess peacock flush against the hook shank.



Select a nicely mottled partridge feather that has barbs shorter than the hook shank. Tie the tip of the feather in at the back of the bead with the concave side of the feather toward the hook shank. Lift the butt end of the feather up and fold the fibers all to the rear.



Wrap the feather one to two turns, right behind the bead and tie it off. Don't over do the hackle! Clip the excess feather stem whip finish and clip the thread.



Bottom View



Top View

Several Members Have Yet to Renew Memberships

Membership renewals were **overdue** as of November 1, 2014

Mark Kelley will be at the door at the January 20th meeting to receive membership renewals. Please print and fill this out and give it to Mark with your payment. Or mail to KCFC, P.O. Box 324, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. Dues are still \$35.00 which includes two adult voting members per household. Thank you!

1st Voting Member:

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Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

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