



# NEWSLETTER

## “100 Years on the Metolius”

*with Joel LaFollette*



### Calendar

September 17: KCFC meeting with Joel LaFollette

September 21: 2 Hands @ Tou Velle spey clave

October 15: KCFC meeting with Brian O'Keefe

Joel La Follette learned the art of fly fishing in the cool pine forest along the banks of the Metolius River at the ripe old age of 9. His grandfather had brought him there, like his father before him, to share some of the joys of his childhood fishing that same stream. Since that first outing Joel has fished the wilds of Venezuela, Belize, Mexico, the Bahamas and Christmas Island for Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit, Trelvalley and other saltwater fishes. He's traveled the Northeast for Brookies, Browns and Stripers. In the South he's tried his luck with Redfish and giant Tarpon and in less humid lands of Canada and Alaska he has sought the giant Steelhead of northern BC and the mouse eating Rainbows of our largest state. Great adventures all, but the home waters of Metolius have always been where Joel finds his heart.

After an adventurous career that has included commercial fisherman, professional photographer, race car driving instructor, and over 16 years in the Fly Fishing Industry, Joel has settled in as the owner of Royal Treatment Fly Fishing in West Linn, Oregon. He can be found in the shop most days, but still gets out on the water when the shop is closed, or when the conditions are too perfect to miss. To beat the winter blues, Joel hosts fishing trips around the globe to warmer climates.

Joel and his lovely wife Kellie live in West Linn in a home they've named Woodsprite Lodge. They share their tree top view with a variety of birds, squirrels and other woodsy creatures.

For fishing reports, short stories, tips and photos from Oregon and beyond check out [www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com](http://www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com).

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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.*

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** as of 7/31/2013

Checking account balance	\$ 9102.74
Expenses	\$ 701.55
Income	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 8401.19
Conservation account balance	\$ 4887.49
Expenses	\$
Income:	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 4887.49

**COMMITTEES**

Conservation: Greg Bulkley	Membership: Mark Kelley	Outings: Jim Ricks
Education: Patrick Stroup	Mentoring: Dave Biddison	Programs:
FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke	Monthly Raffle: Peg Edwards	Social Events/Annual Auction: Lois Krueger
Fly Casting Events: John Hyde	Newsletter: Carol Ann Meadows	
Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia	Nominating: Dick Siemens	

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, by Dale Zemke

Another summer is fleeing and soon we will be enjoying fall fishing and a new year of club meetings and activities.

First of all, I want to thank you all for having the confidence to let me assume the role of President of the Klamath Country Fly Casters. (Personally, I never would have hired me.) I also want to thank Greg Bulkley and the previous members of the Board and the new Board for all the support they have given me as Vice President and now as President. I am pleased that most of the previous Board members have carried over onto the new Board. I know I can rely on them to keep me in line.



At the time of my writing this, we are without a Speakers Program Chair, with the loss of Jackson Meadows from the Board. I know that he will continue to provide support to the Club in any way that he can, and I will personally miss having him on the Board. But there comes a time in all our lives when personal circumstances dictate that we slow down a bit. Until we appoint a replacement for Jack, I will work with Marshal Moser and Dave Biddison to continue the speakers program.

With most things related to the Club in good hands and functioning very well, I am ready to concentrate on a couple of personal goals for the upcoming year. The one that is closest to my heart and I think one that will provide many benefits to the Club is Club Outings. Jim Ricks is our Outings Chair, and as such, he will be the focal point for the coordination of outings, but not the person who will develop and plan the outings. Outings have to come from the membership for the benefit of the membership. Whether the outings are a single day trip or an overnighter in a tent/RV or a motel, there are few things better than getting together with others for time on the water. Therefore you will see the emphasis on getting outings scheduled and conducted greatly increased this year.

The other goal is to revive an effort that went by the wayside last year. We need to get a Tax Exempt 501c3 status for the Club. We cannot offer potential donors of pricey items and/or trips the opportunity to write-off their donations to our club as it stands now. With a 501c3 status they can take the donation as a tax deduction and this opens some very interesting doors for us. It will place us in a position to obtain donations from fishing lodges, guides, manufacturers, suppliers, retail fly shops, outfitters etc. Therefore I will be striving to do what we need to do to make this happen, with the support of the Board.



And with that said, I will close by wishing you “Tight Lines, everyone.” I will see you at the September meeting. Oh yes, by the way - a reminder that Club dues are payable by October 1st, but we will be more than willing to take your money early....See Peg Edwards at the September meeting to renew your membership.

## KCFC TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

It has been suggested on numerous occasions that a need exists for a KCFC Club directory to facilitate better communication among our membership. It has been discussed by the Board and at our September 17 meeting we will discuss the idea of a directory with the members in attendance. A vote will be taken at that time to see if the membership wants a directory or not. If the idea is approved, a directory listing information form will be disseminated to allow you to tell us what you want to have listed under your name.



The Club directory, if approved, will contain at a minimum, the names of club members. Anything beyond that will be voluntary. Publishing your home address, telephone number, or e-mail address will be totally your decision. It is also our intent to only make the Club directory available only to active, dues paid, members of the Club. We will not share it outside of the active members.

Especially because cell phone numbers are not available in telephone directories, it is difficult to contact fellow members regarding outings and work projects, or just getting someone to go fishing. A Club directory could help solve this problem.

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

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

Please welcome Carl Gurske!



## 2 HANDS @ TOU VELLE

The annual gathering of spey anglers at the Tou Velle State Recreation Site will be Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone who wants to go can meet at the Moore Park parking lot nearest to the bridge



(where the restrooms and boat launch are located) at 7:30 am that morning to join into carpools. We will plan to depart at 7:45 AM. You should bring spey gear if you have it, but equipment will be available for beginners wanting to learn. Waders are recommended as water can be quite cold. Lunch is provided, but you might want to bring water. Please email Dale Zemke at [dale\\_zemke@yahoo.com](mailto:dale_zemke@yahoo.com) if you plan to carpool so the group will be watching for you at Moore Park!

[2 Hands EVENT @ Tovelleville: Gathering of Spey & Anglers at Touvelleville Park 9/21/2013 - Click here for PDF Flyer!](#)

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## Membership Renewal Time of the year!

Membership renewals will begin October 1, 2013

Mark Kelley will be at the door at the September 17 meeting to start taking membership renewals. If you would like to get it out of the way now, please print and fill out this form and give it to Mark with your payment. Dues are still \$35.00 per Family, which includes two adult voting members. Thank you!

International Federation of Fly Fishers Member: Yes:\_\_\_\_\_ No:\_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REPORT ON THE ORCFFF JULY COUNCIL MEETING, by Greg Bulkley**

The Oregon Council (ORCFFF) (<http://www.orcfff.org/>) of the International Federation Fly Fishers (IFFF) (<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>) meets officially four times a year. The Klamath Country Fly Casters (KCFC) are an affiliate club, which means that we pay a relatively small fee each year for our membership, and while we strongly encourage our members to join the IFFF, we are not required to have all of our members be IFFF members. These two partnered organizations provide valuable service to the fly fishing community of OR in general, and for the Klamath Basin in particular, including tangible support for conservation and the education of both fly fishers and the general public. Their most significant and most visible contribution is putting on the annual Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, OR every March. (This year's Expo will be held on March 7, 8, and 9, 2014.) (<http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com/>)

Over the past couple of years the KCFC has rejuvenated its participation in ORCFFF activities: while we have increased our participation in the Expo, including providing an educational knot tying table at the event, the ORCFFF and the IFFF have provided important funding for several of our Club's conservation projects as well as countless contacts with other members of the OR and international fly fishing community. For example, we are increasingly able to share newsletters with other Clubs and we have often been able to cost-effectively save travel expenses by sharing program speakers as well. This year our renewed efforts to work with the ORCFFF resulted in the KCFC being recognized as their Club of the Year. In short, this is an extremely well run and effective organization that provides great value to KCFC members, as it does for all fly fishers of OR.

For the past two years, while I served as our President, I also appointed myself as our representative as a member of their Council in order to show members of both the KCFC and the ORCFFF the importance the KCFC places on its relationship with the ORCFFF and the IFFF. At my suggestion, our new President, Dale Zemke, will now take over as our representative Council Member, while I have been asked to serve on the ORCFFF Executive Committee. The continued active participation of our President in the ORCFFF helps solidify this mutually beneficial partnership.

At this year's meeting a number of issues were discussed, the most important being the planning for next year's Expo, which will be expanded over a three day weekend for the first time due to its increasing success. One additional issue that is of particular interest to the KCFC membership is the consideration of an IFFF Adopt a River Program. At the request of the ORCFFF President, Sherry Steele, and IFFF President, Phil Greenlee, and with a great deal of help (as usual) from Sue Mattenberger of USFWS, Sherry, Sue and I presented a draft model for such a program. Briefly, we proposed that each regional Council of the IFFF would choose a river or river system that they would adopt for conservation and restoration of the fishery. This would provide international, national, and local recognition, as well as funding from both the regional Council and matching funds from the IFFF. While neither the ORCFFF nor the IFFF have the resources to provide the large sums that many conservation/restoration projects require, their support can be amplified several-fold by the judicious application for matching funds from private and government organizations. Indeed, this is the strategy that the KCFC has been using for the past several years to effect successful conservation projects worth many times the actual financial and manual labor contributions from our Club and its members. In fact, we have suggested, and the ORCFFF has agreed, that the Williamson/Sprague River System will be proposed as a prototype for this Program.

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After discussion, this proposal was officially endorsed by the ORCFFF via the unanimous adoption of this motion:

The ORCFFF proposes that the IFFF actively pursue the development of a River Adoption Program that would partner individual member Clubs, member Councils, and the administration of the IFFF to select worthy venues for the recognition and financial support of watershed restoration/conservation projects over a defined period of time.

While the details of the program's design will be determined by the IFFF, it was suggested that the IFFF consider the following selection process:

- Selection of venue by objective criteria via peer review
- Selection criteria should include:
  - Severity of the problems to be addressed
  - Potential for objective improvement of the fishery
  - Quality of the planning and proposed execution
  - Quality and track record of the team
  - Cost-effectiveness of the budget
  - Partners for both cost sharing and collaboration
  - Community support and involvement
  - Public awareness of the venue
  - Potential for favorable public recognition of the IFFF and its work
  - Potential for additional partners

The Board of Directors of the IFFF will meet on September 23 in West Yellowstone as part of the annual IFFF Fly Fishing Fair (<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx>). Phil, Sherry, and I will present this proposal formally to that Board then. While all of these developments are encouraging, it is important to keep in mind that this is only in the proposal stages at present, although the proposal has been very well received to this point. It is our hope that this Program will come to fruition, and that the substantial efforts for the restoration of the Williamson/Sprague River System that our KCFC members have made in the past and plan for the future can be used to initiate this Program as a prototype. If such a Program is instituted, it will be incumbent on the KCFC to live up to this important responsibility of providing an example for all of the international fly fishing community. Based upon our active and enthusiastic participation in these projects over the past years I have every confidence that we can live up to this important responsibility.

## RAP CAMP REPORT

Organizer John Krueger reported that last June's Resources And People Camp at Lake of the Woods was very successful and also fun for the dozen or so KCFC volunteers who participated. Club members were invited to share dinner at the camp before leading three sessions of fly tying instruction.

There were approximately 20 teens participating in each session and all seemed sincerely interested. Thank you to John and all the volunteers who helped at this event! Marshal Moser shared these photos of the activities.



PICNIC AT PRONGHORN



Rynda River , Kola Peninsula, Russia, by John Hyde

Bucket List: catch all the Pacific and Atlantic salmonoids on a fly—king, coho, chum, steelhead, sockeye, pinks and now the Atlantic. Next – tiger fish, peacock bass, and golden dorado.

I was fortunate to be invited to Russia to fish for the amazing Atlantic salmon. My friend Bruce McNae and I departed from Seattle and flew to London where we met up with Ally Gowan from Scotland. (Ally’s Shrimp) We then flew to Helsinki, Finland, and on to Murmansk, Russia. (Which is in a world all its own.) It took forever to get through customs and passport checks, but we made it, then all



of our gear and that of 20 fishermen from all over the world was loaded on a big helicopter and we flew out to the Rynda Camp where 10 of us got off. The rest of the group went on to the Karlovfka Camp.



The Rynda is 13 time zones away from here, north of the arctic circle, daylight 24 hours a day and all tundra and reindeer ... awesome.

The lodge was beautiful, the staff was very nice and most spoke some English which was nice because I have trouble with English myself. We each had a private cabin that was very comfortable, and we ate in the lodge. The food was very, very good! We had reindeer, halibut, veal, beef,

crab, and a few things that I did not know and yes we did have a little vodka, but everything was great.

The fishing consisted of departing the lodge every morning with partner and guide in a small Euro copter and taken out to a certain beat (section of river) for the day. We would then fish and walk anywhere from 2-10 miles. Then the helicopter would pick us up and take us back to camp. The helicopter rides were amazing, what a way to fish.

It took me a little time to get the hang of hooking and landing those beautiful fish with a spey rod. The fish were fresh out of the salt water with sea lice attached (these are usually gone by the third day of fresh water) and ran between 8 and 30 pounds. My first Atlantic was 10 pounds, and I caught a few in the 20 pound range, several 10-15 pounds. We used a lot of small tube flies and traditional steelhead patterns. I had a lot of flies that Dick, John, and Joanna tied for me that were a little too big but I fished them when the guide wasn’t looking. Just about every fish I hooked was on a small fly skating on the surface, either riffle hitched or greased. I used a lot of muddlers, skunks , and other steelhead flies that I do not know the names of. We would fish a pool, change size and color, then go through again. It is amazing to watch those fish come to the surface to take your fly.

The weather the first few days was very wet, cold, and windy, then cleared up and was nice. But then the bugs came out! I also got to go way up the Rynda on a brown trout expedition. I rose one big fish and caught a few small fish, but we saw some amazing country. All in all, it was an amazing trip. I feel very honored to have been a part of it. Would I go again??? In a minute, if I got the invite and Jerri says YES!



## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### MAHOGANY SPARKLE DUN

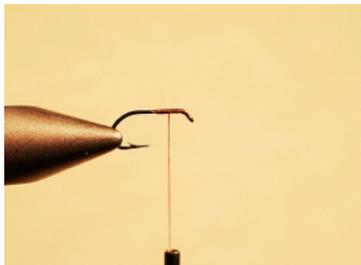
The Mahogany Sparkle Dun is a variation of the popular pattern. The pattern incorporates three materials: Z-lon for the shuck imitation, deer hair for the wing, and mahogany superfine dubbing for the body. The Mahogany Dun is an evening hatching fly. A downstream presentation is usually best because the trout sees the fly before the line or leader.



#### Materials:

Hook: TMC 101 #12 - #16  
 Thread: Rusty Brown 8/0  
 Shuck: Amber Z-lon  
 Wing: Costal Deer Hair - Dark Brown  
 Body: Mahogany Brown 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 dark brown 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 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.

Bottom View:



Top View:





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