



KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Seasons of the Deschutes: Opportunities, Problems, Solutions

There are seven distinct seasons on the Deschutes River. Each one offers unique opportunities as well as special challenges. Scott Richmond will show you how to take advantage of the opportunities - and how to overcome the challenges.

Scott Richmond is the award-winning author of nine books on Oregon fly fishing, including *Fishing Oregon's Deschutes River* and the novel *River in the Sun*. Also known as "Uncle Fuzzy," Scott is the creator and executive director of Westfly, a non-profit website for Western fly anglers.



CALENDAR

Oct. 15th - Club Meeting -
Presentation by Scott Richman

Nov. 19th - Club Meeting -
Presentation by Marc Williamson

Dec. 17th - Club Christmas Party at
the Waffle Hut

Jan. 21st - Club Meeting - Fly Tying
Demonstrations

Feb. 18th - Club Meeting -
Presentation TBD

Mar. 17th - Club Meeting -
Presentation 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: VACANT

Education Events: Greg Williams

FFI Liaison: Dale B Zemke

Fly Casting Events: John Hyde

Fly Tying Events: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

Monthly Raffle: Marie Ganong

Newsletter, Budget &

Communications: Dale B Zemke

Outings: Kris Henry

Programs: Bob Kingzett

Social Events & Auction: Lois

Krueger

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Waffle Hut 106 Main 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 John Krueger

As I pen my October message sitting on my porch overlooking Klamath Lake smiling because I know what I wish to write, the club, Klamath Country Fly Casters.



It has given me great joy for Lois and I to be part of this organization or should I say family, for nine years plus. We walked into Dynasty restaurant nine years ago which is now Waffle Hut to attend our first KCFC meeting. One of our first contacts was a gentleman, white hair, suspenders, baggy pants and a warm smile, Dick Winter. He pulled Lois aside to greet and talk about KCFC. We were hooked from that moment on.

For me, it is an honor to be part of this family. The friendships we have formed are many and still growing. I hope that the membership will feel as I do, to help fellow fly fishing men and women to become part of the KCFC family. We, as a club, have much to offer. Fly casting, fly tying, outdoor events and even big stories. I look forward seeing all at the October meeting.

Have A Great Day
John



The Club's Annual BBQ/Picnic Was held at the Staunton Family Cabin at Medicine Lake, Modoc National Forest, CA in Memory of the Esteemed Member, John Staunton.



Additional Photos from the Annual BBQ/Picnic



Some of Our Club Members Made an “Outing” and Camping Opportunity of the BBQ/Picnic at Medicine Lake





Upcoming Youth Education Events Volunteers Are Needed

P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, January 18, 2020 - 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 primary Fly Casting Instructor, John Hyde and other volunteers. This community outreach event has been well attended by our volunteers each year, and by participating children (as many as 1200 to 1500 children attend the P.L.A.Y. Outdoors Event each year).

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 Greg Williams, your Education Chairperson at greg.williams@charter.net.





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-January to Mid-February of 2020, 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 13 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 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 has always been 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, Dale Zemke by emailing him at dale_zemke@yahoo.com or **TEXT him** at (714) 349-5129.



A Reminder - It is Never Too Early to Start Planning and Organizing Club Outings:

Kris Henry, Outings Chairman, can be reached at 541-880-8105 or kj9henry@gmail.com

We are moving into the Winter Months, but there is still opportunities for some fine Fall fishing. You just need to pick a place, get some information about what is needed to fish that place, and give the membership a chance of going with you. Contact Kris Henry to get the outing scheduled and if you feel a need for assistance, Kris and others will be glad to give some advice and help. Step up and commit to the club to go fishing – that is all you are doing, going fishing! It is that simple! If you only want to provide a suggestion of a place for an outing, contact Kris Henry, your Outings Chairman, and put forward your suggestion. Outings are fun and a good way to get to know other members.

Watch the Newsletter and the Klamath Country Flycasters web site <https://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com/> for updates and additional information and watch for outings signup sheets for future outings that are circulated at meetings.



Upper Sacramento River Club Outing
Spring 2018





Hooked on Fish by Dale Zemke

Roasted Fish With Sweet Peppers

from cooking.nytimes.com

Cook Time: 40 min Serves: 3 to 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 small bunch fresh lemon thyme or regular thyme
- 1 ½ lb. Cod fillets, Bake fish 10 minutes for each inch thick
- ½ tsp fine sea salt, more as needed Black pepper
- large bell peppers, preferably 1 red, 1 orange and 1 yellow, thinly sliced
- ½ Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, more for drizzling
- ¼ cup pitted, sliced black or green olives, or use a combination
- 1 tsp sherry vinegar 1 garlic clove, grated
- 1 cup loosely packed Italian parsley leaves, chopped

Preparation Steps

- Heat oven to 400 degrees. Pull 1 tablespoon thyme leaves off the bunch and finely chop.
- Season fish all over with a large pinch or two of salt and pepper and rub with chopped thyme leaves. Let rest at room temperature while you prepare peppers.
- Spread peppers on a rimmed sheet pan and toss with 1 ½ tablespoons oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the black pepper. Top peppers with the remaining thyme sprigs. Roast, tossing occasionally, until peppers are softened and golden at the edges, 15 to 20 minutes.
- Increase oven temperature to 500 degrees. Push peppers to the edges of the pan, clearing a space in the center. Lay fish out on that empty space and drizzle with oil. Scatter olives over the top of fish and peppers. Roast until fish turns opaque and is just cooked through, 6 to 10 minutes.
- Meanwhile, combine vinegar, garlic and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Whisk in remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil, then whisk in parsley. Taste and add more salt or vinegar, or both, if needed.
- Serve fish and peppers drizzled with vinaigrette.



DUES ARE COMING DUE!

In accordance with our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st each year.

In an era of ever rising prices, our Club dues are still **\$35.00** per family! And, that includes two adult voting members!

Please print and fill out this form and either bring it to the October 15th meeting along with your dues, or mail them to:

Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Second voting member:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:



Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Kris Henry at 541-880-8105 or <http://kj9henry@gmail.com> and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Kris your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Kris 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

Quigley Cripple - Mahogany



Cripples represent mayflies that are just emerging or got stuck in its shuck. Bob Quigley came up with this pattern in 1978 while he was fishing Fall River in Northern California. Bob's Cripple patterns are distinguished with a forward Wing, usually of Deer or Elk Hair, extending over the eye of the hook and the butt of the wing trimmed in line with a thorax to represent an emerging dun. The rear portion of tail, usually Z-lon, and abdomen is tied to represent the trailing shuck as the mayfly has pulled free from its nymphal body. The intent is to have the top half of the fly reside above water while the bottom half hangs within the water column. Usually the wing will be natural or dyed Deer or Elk Hair. It's important to go light on the number of hairs used for the wing as to anchor the hairs securely to the hook shank. The hackle is a natural or dyed Coachman brown. I prefer to use 4-5 turns of hackle on flies used within slow water situations and 6-8 turns for fast water. This is a great fly to tie and one that works well for all mayfly species. Feel free to adapt colors for each of the mayflies you encounter.

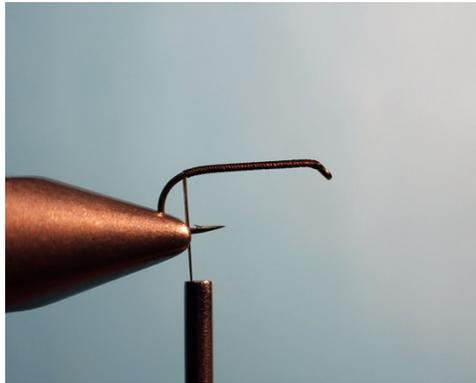
Materials

Hook:	Tiemco 100 – Size 10 -16
Bead:	UTC Ultrathread 70 Denier – Dark Brown
Tail:	Tan Z-lon
Abdomen:	Mahogany Emergent Dubbing
Ribbing:	Copper Wire - size Small
Hackle:	Hen Cape – Coachman Brown
Wing :	Dark Elk Hock



Instructions:

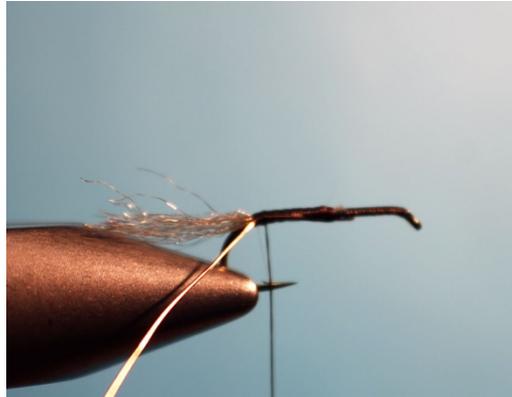
1. Attach the thread at the eye of the hook and wrap a smooth thread base back to the hook barb.



2. Tie in a sparse clump of tan Z-lon at the rear of the hook and wrap forward the midpoint of the hook. The Z-lon will stick out the back of the hook like a tail.



3. Clip a length of copper wire and tie it in at the midpoint and wrap on the bottom of the hook to the rear edge point under the Z-lon.



4. Apply a thin, even layer of dubbing to the thread. Twist the dubbing forming a tight thin taper. Start the dubbing at the bend of the hook and work forward to the 60% point on the hook.



5. Wrap the Copper wire ribbing forward with five to seven spiraling turns to the 60% point on the hook.



6. Cut, clean and stack a clump of Elk hair and measure it against the hook so it is a shank length long. Tie the elk hair in in front of the dubbing clump with several tight turns of thread. Clip the butt ends to a short brush.



7. Tie in a coachman brown hackle by its butt end in the space between the butt and the base of the hair tips. Wrap the hackle feather three turns and tie off. Clip the excess.



8. Whip finish and trim the thread.



Final



Top View



Bottom View



