

KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



President's Message

January 2023 Edition

Hello KCFC,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Santa was good to you all....we had a great Christmas dinner at the Waffle Hut and it was wonderful to see everyone.

it's hard to believe this year is almost over. KCFC has a lot of upcoming events planned, so watch out for emails and read your news letter. First event is "Play Outdoors" if you have never volunteered for this event, you need to sign up, you won't be disappointed. It's great way to spend time with the community and teach a child to tie a fly. It's Saturday January 21st. Please contact Greg Williams if you'd like to participate. 541-891-5128.

It was sad to say farewell to Dick and Louise as they set off for their new adventure in Albany Oregon. They will be greatly missed.

Have a Happy & Healthy New Year!

See you all next year!

Lois Krueger

KCFC President



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Klamath Country Fly Casters

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ABOUT THE KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

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 to be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community.”

Club Meetings:

Klamath Country Fly Casters meetings are currently being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September Thru May at 6:00 PM, in the Banquet Room of the Waffle Hut at 106 Main Street Klamath Falls, OR

Membership dues are \$35.00 per family per year. The membership year is October thru September.

Contact us at kcflycasters@gmail.com for additional information

CALENDAR

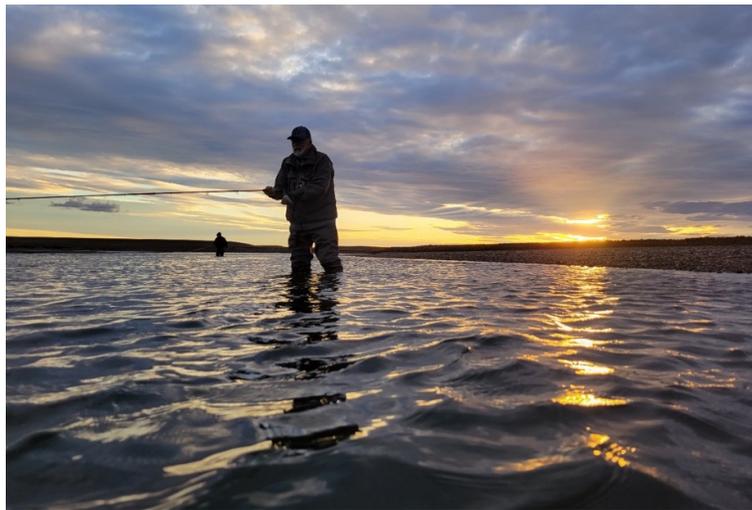
DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
January - Specific Dates to be Determined	Eggs to Fry: Delivering Trout Eggs for Hatching in Classrooms	Dale Zemke: Eggs to Fry Project Coordinator	Various Schools and South Suburban Library
January 10, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Greg Bulkley Sea Run Browns in Pategonia	Waffle Hut Restaurant
January 21, 2023 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Teaching Fly Tying at P.L.A.Y. Outdoors	Greg Williams: Education Chair	Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center
February 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Waffle Hut Restaurant
March 14, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Jay Williams Kayaking from Kimbol Park to the Ocean	Waffle Hut Restaurant
April 11, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Rick Hafele	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 9, 2023 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting And Election of new Club Officers and Board of Directors	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
June ??, 2023	Annual Casting Clinic	To Be Determined	Moore Park

January's Meeting Program

Sea-Run Browns at the End of the World



Greg Bulkley has served as our President but he is most gratified by the extensive KCFC conservation projects undertaken by the KCFC during the near decade he served as our Conservation Chair.



As one approaches his 80th birthday, he necessarily focuses on those unexplored opportunities that may soon be beyond his capabilities, generating the proverbial “bucket list”. When a fortuitous series of events presented the opportunity to fish for the legendary anadromous brown trout in Patagonia he and Jacqui grabbed it. He will share their experience with the fishing, and the overall cultural experience afforded by the welcoming residents of Tierra del Fuego. And he has promised to limit the often insufferable litany of grip and grin pictures while providing some perspective and advice for those who might wish to undertake such an experience.

DICK AND LOUISE SIEMENS MOVING CLOSE TO FAMILY IN ALBANY



In all human endeavor all good things eventually come to an end. Dick and Louise Siemens, KCFC members for decades, have moved from their acreage and home place just off Agency Lake and relocated to Albany to be closer to their two daughters Rhonda and Leann and two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

Dick has been a very active and supportive member of our club including being President of the club for two years in the middle of the last decade. He was a good president and always tied tons of flies donating them to the monthly raffle and to the annual dinner auctions. He and John Hyde were also famous for their tag teaming the monthly raffle for the club in announcing the winning tickets at the raffle and handing out the prizes.

Dick grew up in Chiloquin, graduated from Chiloquin High School and was quite an athlete. He was a very strong basketball player with a high scoring average and was a very fast track and field athlete in short and middle distance running.

His career was very dynamic. He served as a research director for the Bureau of Mines for 26 years. He was well known for developing a new and novel approach to extracting various metals from ore structure. Dick and Louise then moved to the Klamath area and have spent over 27 years on the 17 acre property on Highway 63 just off Agency Lake.

Dick and Louise were both excellent trap shooters with their shotguns. Louise was the first woman in the US to ever break 100 consecutive targets from the 27 yard line. Dick was also an excellent shot and has over 250,000 registered rounds shot over his shooting career.

Dick and Louise always had a small cattle operation running up to a couple dozen steers every year on their property and the family land up off The Williamson River Road. That hobby gave them a lot of good meat, some spending cash and a good annual project to utilize their properties. Living rural also gave Dick a lot of work with a chainsaw since the Agency Lake property used 7-9 cord of wood for heating each Winter.

Dick was very active at the gun club and with the Oregon Tech Foundation. He was on the Oregon Tech Foundation for a number of years and served as President for a three year stint during the Martha Anne Dow Presidency. The Siemens also were huge Oregon Tech basketball fans for both the women's and men's teams and they went back to Branson for one of the national tournaments. They also were super supportive of the Oregon Tech softball teams and attended all the home games.



Dick very much enjoyed hunting for deer and elk and was very successful in his earlier years in life. He also did a lot of fly fishing throughout his life. In his later years he especially enjoyed fishing on Hyde Lake and at Yamsi ranch with John Hyde and then having dinner with John, Jerri and assorted Hyde family and fish camp guests.

The friendship between the Hydes/Yamsi and Siemens was a very close one with Dick and Louise often sharing Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday dinners at Yamsi Ranch with John, Jerri and family. "Dick has done a lot for our fly club throughout the years as a board member, president, and fly tier". John Hyde said. "Jerri and I have considered Dick and Louise to be great friends for a lot of years," John added. "They have been tremendous help with our haying, cattle, fishing, trail rides and just about everything." They have been very active with Oregon Tech, the cattle women, our local gun club and other civic work, John stated. We are glad they are able to move close to family, but we will miss them a lot," John concluded.

Club member Bob Kingzett reminisced about some of his fishing trips with Dick to Hyde Lake. "Dick has a strong enthusiasm for everything in life. But he especially loved fishing on Hyde Lake. We tag teamed on a number of occasions, I have a drift boat and he had an electric trolling motor so we fished the lake and it was really a fun productive lake before the drought", Kingzett said. "I was lucky enough to net and release the biggest trout he caught on the lake at 28 inches and we guessed at over 8 pounds," Kingzett added, My best dry fly night at Yamsi (Harry would have approved!) was on Dick's black Drakes and the giant yellow Hex, he has always been a first class tier and friend." Kingzett concluded.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES YET, PLEASE DO. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP THE CLUB FUNCTIONAL!

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1st each year. As of November 1st, the membership fees were considered Past Due!

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 mail it 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: _____

John Krueger's Weekly Fly Tying Gatherings:

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Please call John at 541-539-1505 if you're planning to attend. Class is usually 8-10 people. Equipment provided if needed....donations for materials are always welcome.





Upcoming Youth Education Events
Volunteers Are Needed



P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, January 21, 2023 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 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 other Club 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. Sign up to participate with a great group of fellow Club members and a lot of terrific kids by contacting 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 of 2023, 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 unique aquarium in the classroom, and when the fry are ready, they are released into local ponds. Last year we delivered eggs to 9 classes in 7 schools and the Klamath South Suburban Librariy. We usually plan to meet at about 8:00 - 9:00 AM, on the morning of the scheduled delivery date at which time we will divvy up the delivery assignments and provide the eggs and any other materials that a classroom may need.

Feedback from volunteers after deliveries each year has been remarkable - it has always been an excellent experience for all involved.

Please advise our Eggs to Fry Coordinator, Dale Zemke, by emailing him at dale_zemke@yahoo.com or TEXT him at (714) 349-5129 to let him know you are interested in participating.

INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By Ralph Carestia

Rainbow Warrior



The Rainbow Warrior is a flashy fly that works well for selective tailwater Trout, and of course for eager freestone/pocket water fish too. This pattern is easy to tie and is very effective. The Warrior's flashy body and red thread hot spot don't imitate anything in particular, but that is a very effective fly to have much of the year.

I believe that the rainbow warrior is a creation of Lance Egan. It is a staple amongst almost any anglers fly box. Because of its flashy presentation and is the perfect dropper fly to get a hungry fish's attention. Despite its flashy looks, the rainbow warrior works well for selective trout. The Warrior's flashy body and red thread hot spot don't imitate anything, but that is a good thing. Fish can mistake it for many food forms. I find it works well in waterways with sow bugs, scuds, midge pupae, and even as a chironomid imitation in lakes. I tie in the silver wire for the rib and the Mylar Pearl Tinsel for the body. I build a tapered underbody with tying thread. Tie a few for your nymph box and I'm confident the Rainbow Warrior will be productive enough to keep you tying them (or buying, if you don't tie).

Materials:

Hook:	TMC 2457 Caddis Pupa, Nymph Hook - 16
Thread:	UTC Ultra Thread 70 Denier – Red or Mahogany
Beads:	Tungsten Beads – Nickel or Metallic Orange - 7/64"
Rib:	Silver Size BR Wire
Tail:	Hare's Mask (Grey) – Guard Hair
Body/Wingcase:	Pearl Flash Tinsel - Large
Thorax:	Wapsi Sow Scud Dubbing – Tan or gray Rainbow

Rainbow Warrior

Instructions:



STEP 1

Position the bead just behind the eye of the hook and start your thread. Wrap the thread rearward until you get roughly halfway down the bend of the hook.



STEP 2

Select several grey guard hairs from a Hare's Mask and tie them in to create the tail of the fly. After tying them in, advance your thread up the hook shank and snip any excess fibers. Then wrap rearward to secure the fibers in place.



STEP 3

Tie in a piece of Silver Size BR Wire so the tip is where the lead wrap ends and tie in the wire to the bend of the hook. Tie the wire in on the underside of the hook.

Rainbow Warrior



STEP 4

Next, tie in the Pearl Tinsel and wrap it forward to create the body of the fly. Tie in the tinsel just behind the bead, wrap rearward to anchor the tinsel down, then return your thread to just behind the bead. Wrap the tinsel up the hook shank taking touching turns to build the body of the fly. Tie off the tinsel just behind the bead then wrap rearward leaving the tag end in the fly (this will be used for your flashback later).



STEP 5

Spiral wrap the silver wire forward forming an evenly spaced rib for the body. Tie off the wire rib then cut off the excess.

Rainbow Warrior



STEP 6

Create a small dubbing noodle with Wapsi Sow Scud Dubbing – gray Rainbow and wrap it behind the bead to create the thorax of the fly. You can add dubbing as you go to obtain your desired profile.



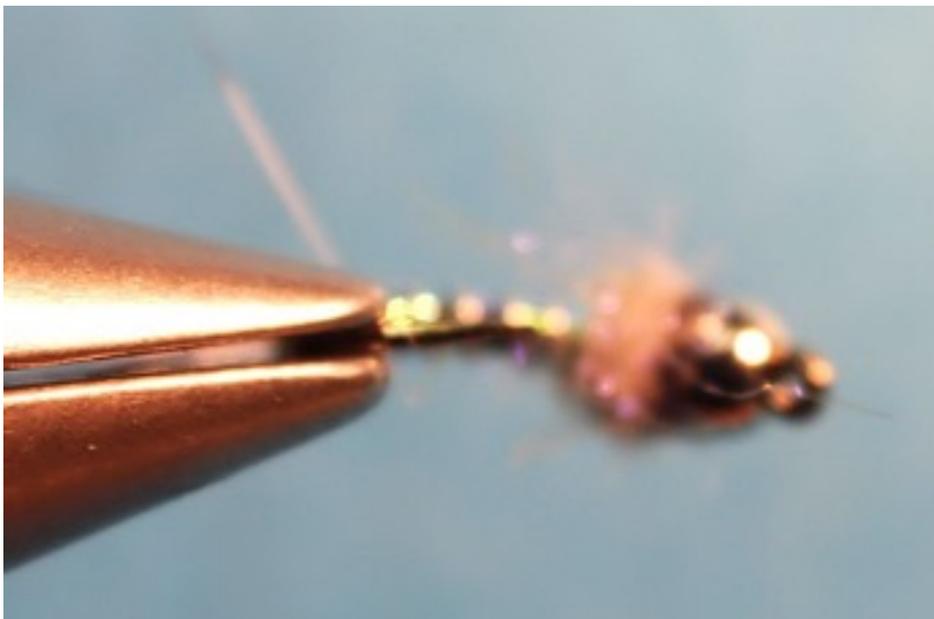
STEP 7

Finally, build up a small hotspot with your red thread, throw a whip finish, and add some head cement for durability.

Rainbow Warrior



Top View



Bottom View

