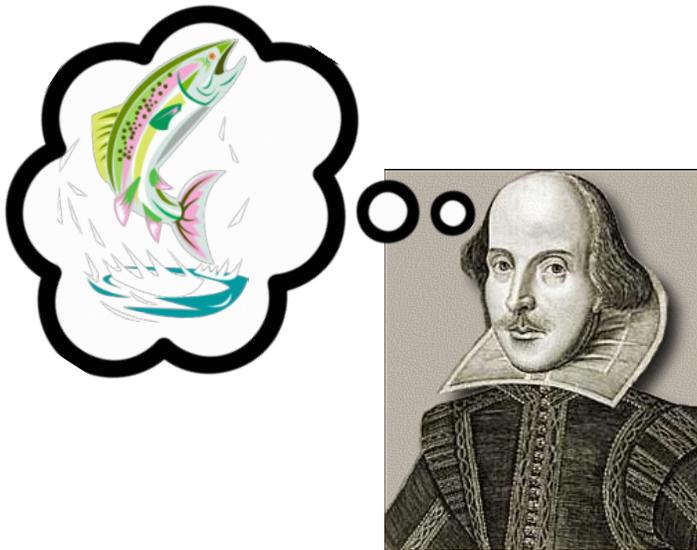




NEWSLETTER

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream...of Fish!”



Calendar

July 25: Annual KCFC Picnic

August 1: Williamson River clean-up

August 11-15: IFFF Fair in Bend

September 15: KCFC meeting with Greg Bulkley; “Fishing British Columbia on Your Own”

September: Club Outing to Medicine Lake

October 9-10: Club Outing to Miller Lake

Here we are in the middle of summer again! Hopefully, everyone has been having fun in the sun...traveling, seeing family, fishing?

Even though we have not had a “regular” KCFC meeting in a while, Club members have been incredibly active. Check out the following pages for reports of past events, current news and announcements of upcoming events!

ODF&W RULES

The ODF&W has come up with a change in the rules that prohibits fishing in most Oregon streams after 2:00 pm. Whereas in the the Klamath River and its tributaries are exempt from this rule, please check out the information at: <http://dfw.state.or.us/news/2015/july/071615.asp>

THANK YOU, DALE ZEMKE! Job well done!



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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

We welcome new member Anthony Gilbert to the Club! Tony regrets that he will not be at the picnic, but watch for him when meetings resume and introduce yourself!



COMMITTEES

Conservation: Greg Bulkley

Education: Patrick Stroup

FFF Liaison: Dale Zemke

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

This officially closes my tenure as President of the Klamath Country Fly Casters. It has been a real roller coaster ride from day one, and I certainly have mixed feelings about departing the office. Nice to be able to relax a bit, but I will miss the excitement of the job. For those of you who have been in the Club for a while and have not had the experience of presiding over it, I definitely recommend it for your consideration in the future. It is very rewarding and offers the opportunity to place your personal signature on the Club’s image.



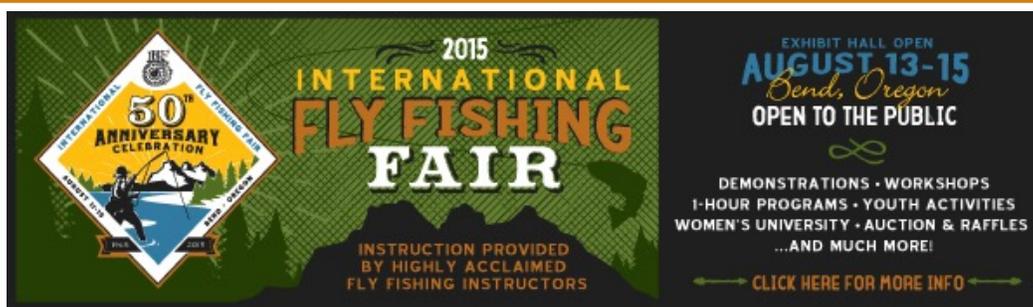
I am currently in Western Pennsylvania, visiting my daughter and three of my 5 grand children. I wish I could send you some of the massive amounts of rain that we have experienced from Nebraska to Pennsylvania. We left Oregon on the 2nd of July and should be back for good about the end of August, so we will have missed the Club BBQ and opportunities to fish the Basin’s waters during the summer, but hope to make up for it in the fall. Introducing my oldest grandson to fly fishing while here - actually got the rod built for him before we departed.

I will close this short note with a thank you to all of you who provided so much personal support over the last two years.

In particular Dick Siemens, Lois and John Krueger, Peg Edwards, Carol Ann and Jack Meadows, Terri and Mel Twyman, John and Jerri Hyde, Greg Bulkley, Jim Ricks, Pat Stroup, Marshal Moser, Dave Biddison, Mark Kelley, Tom Whittemore, Jared Bottcher, Bill Tinniswood, Mike and Diane Tyrholm, Steve Hilbert, Jim Harmon, John Staunton, Sue Mattenburger, Christie Adelsburger, Ray McClenathan, Tom Essex, Greg Williams, Stan Swerdloff, Dallas Sutphin and never last nor least, Bob Gregory. I apologize for all the names I am certainly overlooking who have been so much a part of making things work over the last two years but old age does slow the mechanics of the brain.

Tight Lines to you all - and Thank You Dick Siemens for taking the helm of the good ship KCFC.

See you all in September.



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 .

KCFC ANNUAL PICNIC

The 2015 KCFC Picnic is being hosted by Steve and Debbie Hilbert at the Lonesome Duck on Saturday, June 25th. The picnic starts at noon and will feature rib eye steaks provided by the Club.

As in years past, we ask that you bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. The Club will take care of the meat, table service, water and soft drinks.

If you still have not called in your RSVP, please call Lois Krueger RIGHT NOW at 541 539-1555. We need to know that you are coming so that we will have a steak with your name on it!

Here are the directions to the Lonesome Duck:

From the south on Highway 97: Approximately 25 miles north of Klamath Falls you will pass the JELD-WEN Door Factory on the right. The turnoff to Lonesome Duck is also on the right about a half mile past JELD-WEN. Highway 97 rises up and over the railroad tracks. As you descend, move over to the right shoulder and 30 yds after the "Do Not Pass" sign- turn right at the opening in the guardrail. (Before crossing the Williamson River). There are small signs with the images of a Duck and street numbers painted yellow. Follow the gravel road through three cattle gates, leaving the gates in the same position as found. Turn left just after the third gate and go to the first log house; it is marked "Office" and is the home of our managers, Marshal and Suzanne Moser. The picnic will be out on the lawn to the right side (north) of the office. (Note: the total length of the gravel road is approximately 1.5 miles)

From the north on Highway 97: The turnoff for Lonesome Duck is on the left about 0.5 mile south of the junction of Hwy 62 and Hwy 97. Move to the left land and turn left at the opening in the guardrail immediately after crossing the Williamson River. There are small signs with the images of a Duck and street numbers painted yellow. Follow the gravel road through three cattle gates, leaving the gates in the same position as found. Turn left just after the third gate and go to the first log house for registration; it is marked "Office" and is the home of our managers, Marshal and Suzanne Moser. The picnic will be out on the lawn to the right side (north) of the office. (Note: The total length of the road is approximately 1.5 miles.)



CASTING IN MOORE PARK

Saturday, June 6th found quite a few KCFC members at Moore Park participating in our annual casting tune-up, led by John Hyde. We also had a few non-members stop by and we are hopeful that they may sign up!



LINK RIVER FESTIVAL

KCFC made a good showing at the Link River Festival, demonstrating casting techniques and explaining fishing in the Klamath Basin. More townspeople attended the Festival this year than ever before, giving us great visibility in the community!



JUANITA LAKE OUTING

Stream Keeper Tom Whittemore reported that the Lake Juanita outing was a success even though a kids' fishing day was in progress. The youngsters left at 12:30 pm, leaving the entire lake to the rest of us. Stan Swerdloff showed the fast action of his 3wt. custom rod he built in



this year's rod class. (If there is interest, another class will be offered this winter!) Between Tom and Stan, approximately 70 bass were caught and released using an egg sucking leach. A day of days!



RICK HAEFLE'S ENTOMOLOGY CLASS

Rick Haefle's entomology class was held at the Yamsi Ranch on June 7th. After a morning of viewing slides and receiving information, the class went out to the river to examine bugs in their environment. Reports are that it was a very educational and fun day!



DUES ARE DUE!

Remember, your annual Club dues are due at the September meeting! Still a bargain at \$35.00, the Club depends on your dues to help get the great line-up of speakers that we have!



FILM TRIBUTE TO FRANK MOORE

Founding KCFC member, Frank Moore, and his wife, Jeanne, were in attendance at the June 10th showing of "Mending the Line," a documentary film about their lives. The OIT auditorium was nearly full of appreciative viewers who stayed to hear Frank and Jeanne answer questions from the crowd. Lyle Ahrens, from the local NBC affiliate, was there to interview Frank and a great spot aired on Channel 5.



WILLIAMSON RIVER CLEAN-UP, submitted by Marshal Moser

The 2015 Williamson River clean-up will be on Saturday, August 1, the first Saturday of August, as it has been for over 15 years. The Club is again invited to come meet and join with people from different clubs, agencies and individuals to help keep the Williamson River clean. Then enjoy a FREE lunchtime BBQ at the Lonesome Duck Ranch afterward.

Meet at 8:00 am at the Chiloquin Park boat ramp, ~1/4 mile east of 97 on the road into Chiloquin. There assignment of methods and sections of the river will take place. We will pick up various forms of trash/waste/litter in the river or on the banks. A few can come directly to the Lonesome Duck (call Suzanne Moser at 541/880-4691) to help with the preparations for the free BBQ which take place after the cleanup. Most of the work on the river will be completed by about noon.

Overall, we hope that enough people and equipment participate so that the river will be covered from Collier Park to Klamath Lake. Last year there was even a group of two, led by John Ward, who camped and fished on the Upper Williamson, and then picked up trash on U.S. Forest Service land below Yamsi and Sand Creek Ranches.

Floating devices can be used by the cleanup teams, and larger river capable boats, such as driftboats come in handy for getting any trash to the pickup areas. Hooks and grabbers also come in handy. Last year several truckloads of trash were collected and taken to the Chiloquin transfer station – at no charge by them. Thanks!

See the Club Picnic announcement for directions to Lonesome Duck for the BBQ afterward.

Other questions, call Marshal Moser at 541/880-4629, or, Steve Hilbert at 541/281-1783.



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