

# KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS



## President's Message

January 2024 Edition

Thank You Board for stepping up to focalize the Christmas Dinner as I hear it was a success. Special thanks to Lois Krueger for her steady guidance on such events. As many as 40 people attended.

Your president was out of the country fishing Jurassic Lake in Patagonia. A once in a life time trip...perhaps not. If one gets a chance to fish Jurassic, the best time for high amount and good quality fish is December to Mid-January. The average fish is said to be eight pounds. Many fish over eight pounds, ranging about 15 to 16 pounds were taken by all anglers. A very slow strip, when using an intermediate sink line, is recommended. I thought I was stripping real slowly until my guide came and told me I was stripping too fast. I slowed down considerably and became much more successful. The amount of big fish in the river (Rio Barrancosa) and stacked up at the mouth were incredibly numerous. When fishing the mouth one could see the dark line created by fish waiting to enter the river when the snow melt improved the width and depth. Casting out to this streak generally produced non-stop action and the general size of the fish were good—approximately 10 to 16 pounds with some 18 to 20 pound trout taken. The trout, as the history is revealed, belong to the McCloud River strain of rainbow. 50 thousand trout, with the intention of developing a trout food source, were planted in the lake in 1995. The lake was barren of other fish yet extremely rich in trout food in the form of freshwater invertebrates such as baetis, and scuds. The fish grew heartily—two inches a year. They are now massive in size and, due to no predator species to speak to, are quite numerous. If you love trout fishing this is one of the trips which should make your bucket list.



Tight Lines

Peter Calvo



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*Hosmer Lake, OR - 20 miles from Bend*

# 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](mailto:kcflycasters@gmail.com) for additional information

# CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER OR HOST	LOCATION
Jan 6, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Fly Casting Clinic	John Hyde	Tribal Fitness Center 320 S. Chiloquin Blvd., Chiloquin, OR
Jan 9, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Feb 13, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Mar 12, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant
Apr 9, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	Bill Tinniswood <i>Angling potential in local waters</i>	Waffle Hut Restaurant
May 14, 2024 6:00 PM	Monthly Club Meeting	To Be Determined	Waffle Hut Restaurant



*The Metolius River, OR*

## **It is Fly Tying Season**

Our Club is fortunate to have an abundance of talented fly tiers in our membership. What makes it even better is that so many of them truly enjoy sharing their abilities through demonstrating and teaching others how to tie flies for maximum effectiveness. In keeping with tradition, our February meeting will feature three of our own Club members discussing and demonstrating fly tying.

Harry and Mary Craggs, and possibly Gregg Havens will present flies of their choosing to share with the Club. Be sure to make plans to attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at The Waffle Hut. Dinner. Social hour will start at 6:00 PM, with the fly tying demonstrations to begin shortly after 7:00 PM.



# A Farewell to a Great Friend

**Bob Gregory** was the most welcoming member of KCFC when I first joined. And I appreciated his support as I fumbled through my stint as club President. He taught me what it meant to be an active club member. I had many wonderful conversations with him about fishing and where to fish and stories about the area and his history. He really had a great sense of humor. I missed his presence at meetings after his health declined and made it difficult for him to attend. My favorite memory was at Anna River. It had rained and the ground was slick. He was heading down to the water when he was soon “skiin “ down the slope. Luckily he decided to lie down and grab brush to keep from ski jumping into the river. One of the funniest things I ever saw.

Dale B Zemke

Former Club President of Klamath Country Fly Casters

Early in December a longtime club member, Bob Gregory, passed away. His death came rather unexpectedly as he contracted an illness and passed away shortly thereafter. Many stories can be told of Bob as he was quite a character. We all enjoyed his warmth and his stories of where he caught the big one. He was quite an avid outdoorsman as he enjoyed hunting as well as fishing and, when healthy, was taking the time to pursue his passion (fishing and hunting). Bob was instrumental in inspiring the club to embark on an outing to Pyramid Lake. He and his wife patty, who precedes him in death, always camped at Separator Beach. We conglomerated at his camp site and set up our ladders to fish for the Lahontan. It was a fun time had by all. Every one of the members who knew Bob likely has a fond tale or two to tell. I was lucky to have taken him and his wife Patty with me to fish the McCloud Reservoir, to duck and goose hunt with him, and to spend time visiting him in his home off of East Main. Bob was employed by the railroad and was able to retire with a full pension which helped him enjoy his passions of fishing and hunting.

**Truck on Bob. You were one of a kind.**



*Bob Gregory at Pronghorn Lake Ranch*

# 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.







## An Upcoming Youth Education Event

### Volunteers Are Needed

**P.L.A.Y. Outdoors, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

PLAY OUTDOORS is a Approaching Quickly and we need volunteers to help these kids learn how to tie a basic fly. If you are not a tyer, we can quickly show you how to tie a simple Wooley Bugger.

If you can commit to this and have a few hours to spend with some great kids, please contact Greg Williams at [greg.williams@charter.net](mailto:greg.williams@charter.net)

It's an awesome event and we can definitely use your support.

*The Club received two cash donations recently from members of the Club.*

*Mike and Diane Tyrholm, Pronghorn Lake Ranch, donated \$3,000.00 that is earmarked to be used in our youth outreach program.*

*Kevin and Carol Westfall generously donated \$72.00 at our Christmas Dinner*

# Club Christmas Party



# KCFC Membership Application

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  
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# Hooked on Fish

by Dale B Zemke

## Salmon with Potatoes, Green Beans & Tomatoes

from *thecookierookie.com*

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. red potatoes, quartered
- 2 cups green beans, snipped
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, *chopped*
- 1/2 cup honey mustard
- 2 Tbsp dry mustard
- 4 (6 oz) salmon filets, skin removed
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, kept whole



### Preparation Steps

1. Preheat oven to 375F
2. In a large bowl, toss the potatoes, green beans, olive oil, salt and pepper, and garlic powder. Toss to make sure all the veggies are coated in the oil and spices.
3. Spread the veggies out on a large baking sheet in a single layer.
4. Bake for 10 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, combine the mustards in a small bowl. Combine the panko, parsley and parmesan in another small bowl. Spread the mustard in a thick layer on one side of each salmon filet.
6. Coat the mustard layer with panko mixture and pat to make sure it adheres.
7. After the veggies have cooked for 10 minutes, remove from the oven and add the salmon. You can add them right on top of the veggies, or move the veggies around a bit to make room for the salmon. Also add the tomatoes to the pan.
8. Return to the oven and bake for another 15-18 minutes, or until the salmon is completely cooked through (opaque).
9. Serve the salmon alongside the vegetables. Enjoy!

# INDESPENSIBLE FLIES

By *Ralph Carestia*

## Sexy Walt's Worm & Walts Worm



Walt's Worm is named for Pennsylvania angler and tier Walt Young, who created the pattern for fishing Spring Creek. The Walt's Worm is one of the most versatile nymphs on the market today. Its simplicity allows it to imitate a wide variety of bugs, while being very economical to tie. Walt's worm (not a worm pattern) has been in many competitive anglers' boxes for years. The Walt's worm is often considered a crane fly larva and therefore tied in sizes 10-14. From crane flies, caddis nymphs, and scuds, this fly will be a strong imitation on nearly any trout stream. Be sure to try this fly out in larger sizes, however, I think you might be surprised.

My favorite dubbing to use for this fly is hare's ear plus dubbing. However, I like using the Rainbow color sow scud dubbing also. Adding a hot spot, bead or thread to this very simple fly is a way to turn this into an attractor pattern that stands out for fish. On some of the slowest days of fishing, adding a hot spot fly to your rig may just turn on the bite. A bit of flash and a tungsten bead make the pattern even heavier, so it would get to the bottom quickly. The key to this fly is to add the different amounts of weight and to achieve the proper proportions. I like using regular 2X hooks, however, using a Jig hook-point-up orientation will help avoid snagging the bottom. This mix of dubbing, thread, ribbing and bead has been very effective for me in the past years.

The Sexy Walt's Worm is a variation of Walt's worm. This mix of dubbing, thread, ribbing and bead has been very effective for me. By adding a bit of flash and a hot spot and making the pattern even heavier, it would get to the bottom in a jiffy. I dress this fly for highly pressured fish, especially in locations where the standard pattern is prescribed. The "sexy" version is probably better for off-color water, too. I fish this pattern blind, as an attractor over the course of a season. I have been tying and fishing this pattern for several years now with minor adjustments as new materials are discovered. Most effective sizes are #10, #12 and #14.

### Sexy Walt's Worm Pattern :

Hook:	Tiemco #5262 or Dai-ichi #1710, #8-18 or Firehole 516 (10-14)
Bead:	Tungsten bead, sized to hook – Gold, Silver, Copper, etc.
Weight:	.015 lead-free round wire, 8 to 10 wraps
Thread:	Fluorescent orange or Red, 70-denier or 8/0 (Olive for Walts Worm)
Ribbing:	Flashabou Mirage Opal or Gold Wire
Body:	Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin, hare's-mask dubbing or Rainbow color sow scud
Hot spot:	Fluorescent red, orange, or Olive tying thread.

# Sexy Walt's Worm & Walts Worm

## **Instructions:**



### **STEP 1**

Slide the bead on the hook and up to the eye. Make 12-15 turns of .15 lead free wire along the shank. Break off the lead free wire 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.



### **STEP 2**

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



### **STEP 3**

Dub the thread with a thin noodle of Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin light-colored dubbing or hare's mask dubbing and dub forward build a tapered abdomen from the bend of the hook up to the point just behind the bead.



# Sexy Walt's Worm & Walts Worm



## STEP 4

Counter-wrap the Mirage Opal tinsel or gold wire forward over the abdomen with five evenly spaced turns. Feel free to counter-wrap the wire if you like (I usually do!). Make sure that when you wrap, the first wrap goes underneath the hook shank. When you reach the bead, secure the flash with a few tight turns of thread, and trim the excess free.



## STEP 5

Take a few extra thread wraps to produce a nice hot spot of orange thread behind the bead. Once complete, whip-finish the fly. With the collar complete, snip or cut your tying thread free.



**Top View**



**Bottom View**



**Sexy Walts Worm**



**Walts Worm**