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Cascade Family Fly Fishers

*Clearer Waters
 Brighter Streams*

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The Party Boat—Randy & Daniel

Our next meeting

Scott Kinney

McKenzie River Wild Trout

Thursday, April 23, 2015

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Meeting Location

Wesley United Methodist Church

Corner of Oakway & Cal Young

Meeting Time 4th Thursday of Each Month

Doors open at 6:15 pm meeting starts at 7

Prez Sez

By Glenn Miller



We continue to have great attendance at our monthly meetings and have had a number of new members join the club since the first of the year. You should have all received an e-mail in the last week from Michelle Overall, our membership chair, with the CFF membership roster. The roster has contact information for all members so you'll be able to contact folks in the club to go fishing, etc.

If you haven't checked out the CFF website, the link is <http://www.cascadefamilyflyfishers.com>. The website folks have been doing a great job keeping the site updated so check it out from time to time. Also, be sure to read through the newsletter every month. There's probably more current, pertinent information in our monthly newsletters than anywhere else. Roz and all those who contribute to this publication do a great job of keeping us informed on current CFF events!

I hope a lot of you are getting out and doing some fishing. We had over 30 people turn out on the Horton Pond trip. A number of fish were caught and we ate some very tasty Dutch oven desserts. I'm guessing that was the most well-attended outing in the history of the club! I've been out fishing the Willamette and McKenzie rivers in the last couple of weeks. The rivers are at very fishable levels and hatches (march brown, caddis, etc.) are starting to show up in large numbers. I'd suggest taking advantage of the good water levels because it's likely the rivers will get pretty low this summer.

Last week I attended the Trout Unlimited April meeting. The local chapter (called the Redsides) meets on the first Monday of each month. They are starting up a local Project Healing Waters (PHW) chapter in this area. PHW is an organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. This may resonate with some of you and it would be a great way to help others through a sport we all love. More information can be found at <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org>. If you're interested in helping with this effort, please contact Moon Mullen at moon@centurylink.net.

Darlene's Youth Auction will continue before the April 23rd meeting (6-7 pm). There will be more books, fly boxes, fly tying material, and other miscellaneous gear. We've raised a lot of money so far, all of which will go towards youth education.

One other thing: The annual Spey Clave is being held this year up on the Sandy River (east of Portland). If you're interested in learning how to spey cast and want to try out different rods before making a purchase, this is the event for you. Everything (meals, classes, etc.) is free! There are entrance and camping fees but that's about it. The dates are May 15-17 and the website (<http://www.flyfishusa.com/about-our-waters/spey-clave/spey-clave-agenda.htm>) has all the information you'll need to attend this event.

Look forward to seeing you at the April meeting!

Glenn

April Meeting

A Wild Trout Success Story

Presented by Scott Kinney



Perhaps you have heard of the wild trout making a comeback in the lower McKenzie River. Maybe you were one of the more than 100 volunteers whom pitched in--- in favor of restoring the world famous McKenzie River native Rainbows and Cutthroats to a portion of their original waters.

Scott Kinney, volunteer coordinator of the *Lower McKenzie River Wild Trout Population Study*, will present this illustrious history of wild trout redemption in the lower river at our next meeting, April 23, 2015.

From Hendricks Bridge to Armitage Park, wild trout in the McKenzie are not only now thriving, their numbers are escalating---tripling!

Scott Kinney is a fly fisher, statistician, cartographer and calls the lower McKenzie his "home water". Come hear the story from the man whom gave his life to the project!

Scott Kinney will be at The Steelhead Brewery & Café corner of East 5th & Pearl Streets----5pm on April 23rd. Come on down, join the pre-meeting fun!

Michael T Williams CFF Program Chair

Horton Pond Photos



**Carmen Reservoir Outing
Thursday May 7, 2015 @ 09:00 -10:00 am
Rod Roth, Trip Host**

Directions from Eugene:

Distance from Eugene/Springfield area, 77 miles,
(travel time about 1 hour 30 min.):

Take Hwy 126 east thru Springfield. **Continue for 65 miles.** Take a left onto NF-750. Look for the street sign marked **Carmen Diversion Reservoir** if you come to the **(ICE Cap Campground)** you have gone too far, go back a short distance turn (R). Continue on a good dirt road keeping (R) for approximately 0.4 miles. You will come to a large parking area. Do not go over the bridge. The Reservoir is on the (R). Entry to the reservoir is at the information sign at the edge of the Water. Ease of entry can vary due to the water level. There are other entry points a short distance over the bridge, to the (R). There is a Forest Service bath room a short distance further on.

Meeting Time: **Car pooling is recommended.**

We will meet at the parking area, as described, @ Carmen at 09:00 AM.

Flotation Equipment:

Motors are not allowed. Non motorized drift boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes are all great methods to access the fishing. All skill levels are perfect for this impoundment, from beginners to the advanced. Water is typically calm and well protected. **The water is very cold. Make sure that you are wearing thermal under garments.**

Fishing Equipment:

The reservoir is a diversion for power production. The water is exceptionally clear and has alternating deep sections 4-18 feet. The trout are planted rainbow trout, 8—16 inches. Fishing is best done using a sink tip or full sinking line. Leader length is 7 -9 feet, tippet 3.5 to 4 pound weight.

Recommended wet flies are gold bead, 10—12 wooly buggie (black maribou with silver flash on tail-- or olive), hare's ear, prince nymph, A Callibaetis hatch is possible with good weather. A 5 fish limit is in effect.

Treats - Lunch:

The group will reconvene together at lunchtime 11:30 to 12:00. Bring your own meal, treats and beverage.

Apparel/Camera:

Weather has been variable in the past years. Raining to sunny, warm weather. Wear clothing appropriate to the temperature and conditions.

Be sure to remember your camera (waterproof sack and tethered) and take photos to share our fishing adventures for the newsletter and/or the CFF website.

***If anyone needs a ride, call Rod Roth
(541)342-6745***



Hemlock Lake Outing
Host: Pete Szekely
Saturday, May 16, 2015

This year's outing to Hemlock Lake holds much promise. A relatively mild winter should provide good numbers of holdover fish in addition to the 4,500 trout that ODFW will stock in the weeks prior to our May 16th arrival. For those of you unfamiliar with Hemlock Lake it is a 28 acre man made impoundment nestled high (4,000 ft.) in the Douglas county Cascades.

To get to Hemlock Lake follow Little River Rd. (Dc#17) southeast from Glide. After about 19 miles the pavement ends and Forest Service designation begins. FS# 27 is a decent gravel road for the remaining 12 miles to Hemlock Lake. Within a mile of the lake (but not within sight) the road forks, with the right turn leading across the earthen dam and spillway to the nine site fee campground. Bearing left at the fork will bring you to the east arm of the lake and the adjacent boat ramp.

Like most lakes of modest size Hemlock Lake's boating regulations prohibit gasoline powered motors. Float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, all will be at home on Hemlock Lake. Though it's nearly twice the size of Horton Pond, because of it's boomerang shape, it has that sort of 'feel'. I can't claim any special expertise having only fished Hemlock Lake three or four times but what works elsewhere, considering the calendar and conditions, should work at Hemlock Lake. Your favorite rod/ reel combo, outfitted with a 5 or 6 wt. intermediate clear sink tip, is a good starting point. Beyond that, a full sinking line can make your day, if the fish are holding in deeper water. It makes sense to me that recent hatchery transplants, (because the pellets fall from the surface), might be higher in the water column than holdover trout that have had to learn the hard way, that precious few of their meals in the wild, fall out of the sky.

As in most stillwater settings chironomids make up the bulk of the diet of these fish. At last year's Hemlock Lake outing, I soon grew weary of rowing and stiff in my pontoon boat seat, that I'd swear was designed by the Marquis de Sade. I beached my boat and fished from the bank, along the earthen dam using a floating line, strike indicator, and suspended chironomid pattern. I had steady action throughout the afternoon, using that technique. It's startling how fast the allure of tent camping fades after one reaches 'Medicare age'. But, with the considerable investment of time and effort to get to Hemlock Lake, it makes sense to stay awhile. If the weather looks at all encouraging, I intend to camp. The Forest Service website (www.fs.usda.gov/recreation) is a good resource for planning such a trip so check it out for more details about the camping at Hemlock Lake.

I'll have a signup sheet at our April club meeting and from that will make further arrangements, including a rendezvous in Glide for a convoy of 'Federators' up the hill.

Outing Host: Peter Szekely (541) 942-4573



Horton Pond Outing

THANKS.....

from your Outings Chair, Trese Slocum

Many thanks are deserved for the success of the Horton Pond Outing on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Thanks to:

Outing Host: Glen Neal for being willing to organize this outing.

Desserts: Bill Burleigh and Glen Neal. The four delicious treats were the highlight of the group's lunch. Many of us had to indulge in more than just one tasty dessert.

Hot Beverages: Randy Beard and Daniel Rogers. Their "party" boat, equipped with a propane stove and a bright red whistling kettle, provided on-the-water beverages of tea and hot chocolate-with-marshmallows for amazed and grateful float tubers and pontoon boaters.

Loaned/Shared Equipment: CFF members who provided extra pontoon boats, float tubes, fins, life jackets so other members could attend, in particular Al Weaver, Al Heide, Randy Beard.

Flies, Leader, Tippet, Knowledge: Thanks to those of you who graciously shared your flies, leader, tippet, and knowledge of fishing technique. There are so many to thank here, especially Bill Burleigh, Bob Wolfe, Rod Roth.

Fishing Etiquette: To all of you who kindly yielded your best fish-catching spots so other members could also be successful.

Transportation: All who carpooled so parking was manageable, we are grateful.

Attendance: A huge thanks to all the CFF members (33 or more) who contributed by their participation in the day's adventure, and making it a most enjoyable experience. We were happy to welcome some new members to the outing, and delighted in the large number of long standing members who came to participate.



Horton Pond



Frank Paiva



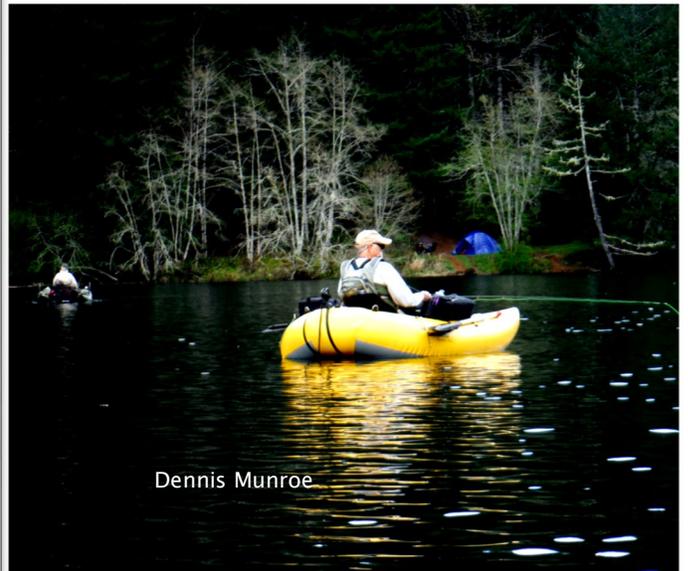
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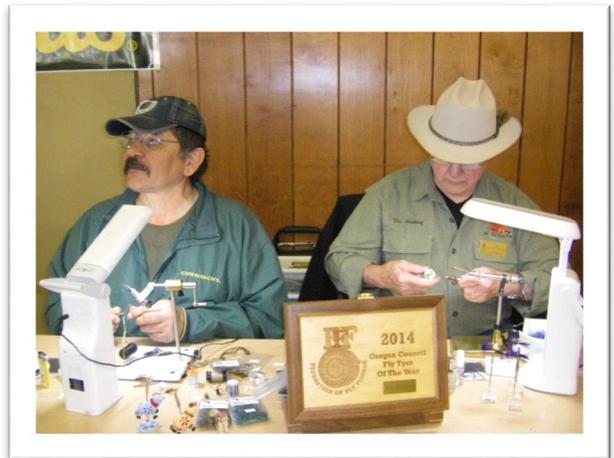
Dennis Munroe

Reedsport Fly Fishing Expo
by Trese Slocum

The 28th Reedsport Fly Fishing Expo, sponsored by the Lower Umpqua River Fly Fishing Club, was a fun event occurring Saturday, February 28, 2015. Many Cascade Family Fly Fishers participated in the activities and programs. Among the multiple fly tyers were CFF members Vic Hadley, Mike Marlette, and Dave Prindel, who imparted their passion and skill of tying to anyone interested. A fly caster's pond was set up for those wanting instruction on their casting skills. Randy Beard show-cased his bamboo rods, where his youth's bamboo rod was a big hit for the up and coming fly fishers of the younger set.

The expo's informational programs made available great tips for bass fishing, and inside information on the coastal lakes from Lily Lake, north of Florence to Bluebill Lake, near Coos Bay. The highlight of the various seminars was the presence of Frank Moore, a WWII veteran, and his video, "Mending the Line." The film portrayed Moore's passage from landing at Normandy, and amid the horrors of war, seeing a fly rod and fish hanging outside a café. This fleeting image stayed with him throughout the war, his return to the states, and his slow healing of post traumatic stress syndrome. The film honors the strength and character of Moore, as well as the loyalty and love of his wife and son.

Throughout the expo's day were the hourly raffle drawings for great fishing gear, flies, and lots of useful equipment. In addition vendors gave great show prices to attendees.



More from...Rod's Flytying Corner

How to strip Peacock Quill's



Preparation:

- 2- Small Glass Casserole Type Dishes
- 1-Glass Tumbler
- 1-Rubber Glove
- Paper towel

First Dish:

1-Cup of bleach & 3 Cups of hot water (3 to 1 mixture).

(Caution—**Bleach is caustic**—**Wear a glove at all times**. Keep fingers away from the face)

Second Dish:

1/3 cup of Soda & 3/4 cup of warm water.

(GOES IN FIRST) 1st dish: Place the bleach in one of the glass casserole dishes. Add the 3 cups of hot water.

Fill the tumbler with warm water.

2nd dish: Place the 1/3 cup of soda and 3/4 cup of warm water in the 2nd dish and mix completely.

Take (1) Peacock sword eye by the stem and immerse, twirl and move back and forth until the hurl is gone from the quill, takes about 5 minutes. Rinse well in the glass tumbler and inspect. If there is still hurl on the quill repeat the bleach bath process. When the hurl is removed place the peacock in the soda bath and rinse very well. This neutralizes the bleach. Place on a paper towel to dry. When dry take a small amount of Vaseline and coat the quill. Carefully wipe off any excess Vaseline. Store in a zip lock bag.

If you leave the Peacock to soak it will completely dissolve---GONE.

You can do up to 3 Peacock eyes at once. It takes longer to remove the hurl. This process will produce the classic Peacock quill.

Rod Roth: Fly Tying Chair-

Bamboo Rod Winner

At the March meeting we sold the last ticket for the Bamboo Rod raffle and drew the winning ticket on the spot. **Dennis Munroe** was the lucky winner.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Randy Beard who built and donated the rod. The materials alone cost Randy \$300, and it took him 60 hours to build the rod. We thank him for his generous contribution to the club.



Above: Dennis with the first fish he caught on his new bamboo rod, according to Dennis "*Even though the little Cutthroat was just a baby, I felt every headshake through that beautiful rod!*"

Below: Randy Beard (philanthropist and rod builder) You may remember, Randy built 2 rods and the winner of the raffle got to choose which rod to take home, Randy had to wait for the raffle drawing to know which he would keep, here he is with his **beautiful rod**, enjoying the day the fish and new rod with Dennis.



Rod's Fly Tying Corner

Black Flash Woolly Bugger—Wet Fly

1



2



3



Materials List:

- Hook: 10—12--- 2 X-L Nymph
- Bead: Gold 4.8mm Or 3/16"
- Thread: Black 3/0
- Tail: Black Marabou & Small Silver Flashabo
- Body: Small Black Chenille
- Over Body: Medium Opal Flashabo

Place the gold bead on the hook with the small hole to the eye. Tie on the thread from in back of the eye to the bend of the hook. Plumb bob to the barb of the hook.

Take a good pinch of the black marabou and attach to the top of the bend of the hook. Length should be the shank of the hook. **Keep centered to the shank of the hook.**

4



Take 6-8 small silver flashabo and attach to the bend of the hook, directly over the center of the marabou tail. Length matches the previous marabou.

5



Tie in another equal amount of the marabou. Make one wrap under the tail. Keep centered to the shank of the hook. Tie in 3-4 firm wraps.

6



Tie in the Opal flashabo at the tail tie in point. Keep centered to the hook shank.

7



Tie in the black hackle after stripping off the tip of of the stem.

8



Tie in the small black chenille just in front of the hackle.

9



Wrap the chenille in close tight, firm to the back of the gold bead. Tie off and trim.

10



In a "palmered fashion"—wrap the black hen to the back of the bead. Tie off and trim.

11



Pull over the opal flashaboo; keep centered to the hook shank. Make 2-3 positioning wraps, pull the opal to stretch over the bead. Re-align if needed. Make 4-6 firm finishing wraps. Trim off the opal flashaboo and make 4-6 more finishing wraps behind the bead. Apply head cement. Clear the eye of head cement.

2015 Outings

2015 is upon us, and the CFF outings have begun. We have lots of new trips planned for this year, and hope that you will be able to participate in the fishing and fun. We are still looking for more hosts for outings for the year, so if you have a favorite fishing hole that you would like to share with club members, contact Trese Slocum for more information.

LOCATION	DATE	HOST	PHONE
Carmen Reservoir	Thurs, May 7	Rod Roth	541/342-6745
Hemlock Lake	Sat, May 16	Pete Szekely	541/942-4573
Erma Bell Lake	Fri, June 19 - Sat, 20	Glenn Miller	541/ 359-9522
John Day River	Thurs, July 9 - Sun July 12	Dave Prindel and Randy Beard	541 /746-8620
East Lake	Thurs, July 16 - Sun, July19	Rod Roth	541 /342-6745
Coastal Lakes	TBD	Marv Clemons	541 /688-8774
Fall River	Fri, Oct 9 - Mon, Oct 12	Fred Acosta	541 /741-8276
Diamond Lake	TBD	Marv Clemons	541 /688-8774

From the Editor:

Newsletter submissions are due the 2nd Sunday of the month. We welcome your photos and fishing trip stories. When submitting photographs please include names and locations so that we can include that information along with your pictures. Email photographs or any information your want to appear in the newsletter or club web site to:

Roz Kauffman @ rozinkadena@yahoo.com.



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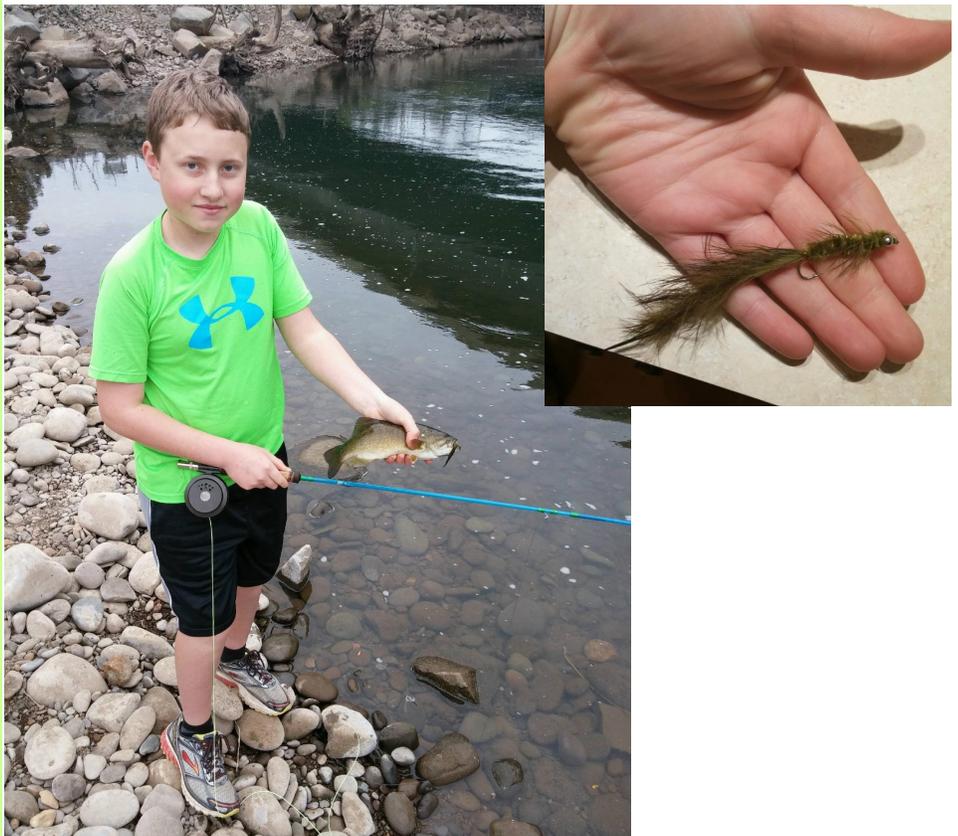
Conservation

Glen Neal

Front & Center



The fishing has been good at Cleowox Lake, 2 miles south of Florence. This was Joe Hamilton's first time fishing there and he caught both of these fish as well as some of their smaller buddies. He caught the larger two trout on a size 16 red and black chironomid that he picked up in last month's fly swap. So don't forget to bring 6 flies for the fly swap in April and go home with 6 fish catching flies.



Check out Daniel Rogers with one of several smallmouth bass he caught on the Santiam on his way home from the Albany Expo (he bought the fly there for fifty cents). Notice the rod in his hand, Daniel built the rod in Tony Overstake's rod building class this winter. After Daniel caught the fish he texted Randy Beard and asked him to pick up a few more of those flies, Randy wasn't the only one over at the booth, word spread and other club members were seen there shortly after the text picking up fifty cent specials.

Membership Application
CASCADE FAMILY FLY FISHERS APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL

Mail To: Cascade Family Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 5384 , Eugene, Or 97405

Please print legibly:

Name _____ Nickname _____ DOB (optional) _____

Spouse/partner _____ Nickname _____ DOB (optional) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation and or employer _____

Are you a member of FFF? Yes ___ No ___ FFF expiration date? _____

The following information is requested in order to maintain a data base of our member's knowledge and experience which may be of help in club activities. Please be as complete as possible

Years of fly fishing experience 0-3 ___ 3-5 ___ 5-10 ___ 10-20 ___ 20-40 ___ Over 40 ___

As a fly caster are you: Novice? ___ Average? ___ Proficient? ___ Expert? ___ FFF Certified Instructor? ___

Do you tie your own flies? Yes ___ No ___ If yes rate you tying from Novice 1 to Instructor being 5 ___ Check any of the following watercraft that you own: Float tube ___ Pontoon boat ___ Canoe ___ Drift boat ___ Pram ___ Motor boat ___ Jet boat ___ Others (Describe) _____

Club members are asked to consider serving on at least one committee of their choice to assist the committee chairperson when required. Number your choices from 1 -3 of the following committees:

Newsletter ___ Program ___ Membership ___ Raffle ___ Conservation ___ Education ___ Auction ___ Outings ___ Library ___

Webmaster ___ Fly Tying ___ Legislative/Environment _____

Complete dues as follows:

Individual or Family \$25.00 (includes one name tag and club pin) (dues are \$15.00 when joining after July 1st

Student \$15.00 "

Associate (resident outside Lane County) \$10.00 "

Additional name tags \$6.00 each Additional pin \$3.00

Total amount due: _____ \$ _____

Signature _____

I do _____ do not _____ authorize the printing of my contact information in the club directory. (please check your option)



P.O. Box 5384

Eugene, Or 97405

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