

Cascade Family Fly Fishers



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Clearer Waters Brighter Streams

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Casting for Recovery Fundraiser

Meeting Location

The Veteran's Club

1626 Willamette St, Eugene

Meeting Time 4th Wednesday of Each Month

Doors open at 6:15 pm meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

If anyone in the club needs a ride to a meeting or outing, please call one of the club leaders (listed on page 2) and we will make sure you have transportation.

April 23rd Meeting

Speaker: Bob Wolfe

Why Fish Chironomids?

More details on Page 3

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2014

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The Prez Sez by Glenn Miller

Wow, trout fishing is almost here. Yes, there are streams and lakes you can fish all winter but April 26 is the official "opening day" the last Saturday late in April that is traditionally when we can start to fish many of the fisheries in Oregon. That's also the date of the Wooden Boat show held at a location up the McKenzie River. Our club always staffs a booth at this event and if you'd like to help please call Steve or Michelle Overall at 541-746-3316.

Another volunteer opportunity we will need help with is the Thurston Outdoor School (for 6th graders) held on Tuesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 5th. Our club's main responsibility those days are helping with fly tying and fly casting. If you can help with this event you should give Dave Prindel a call (541-746-8620).

OK...enough business. This is the time I usually start fishing in earnest. I'll get out a bit in the winter (caught my first winter steelhead in early March) but I do most of my fishing in the spring/summer/fall seasons. I decided long ago I would take a couple of weeks to get away to Southeastern Oregon. Every year I go in that direction I like it more. The Owyhee River has always been the prime attraction but recently I've been exploring various fisheries between Eugene and the eastern border of Oregon. My hope is to also get to Mann Lake. Jerry Blade was there a couple of weeks ago and reported good success fishing for colorful Lahontan Cutthroats.

One thing we've just recently formed in the CFF is a Flotilla group. These are folks who would like to team up with others in the club to float sections of the Willamette and McKenzie rivers. These trips would not be considered official club outings. We have about 24 club members already in the Flotilla group and if you'd like to be added, call

Rick Diggs at 541-685-2582. Those floating, whether it be with a drift boat, pontoon, raft, or another water craft capable of floating our local rivers, should have some experience floating a river. I see this as a way to have fun on the river together, learning some river running skills from those more experienced, and teaming up to help with shuttles.

I'd like to give a big thank you to Gail Campbell, and others who helped her, for putting on the Beginning Fly Fishing class that was just completed. This was a joint venture between our club and the McKenzie Flyfishers and those who attended reported learning a wealth of information. Hopefully we can do this again next year.

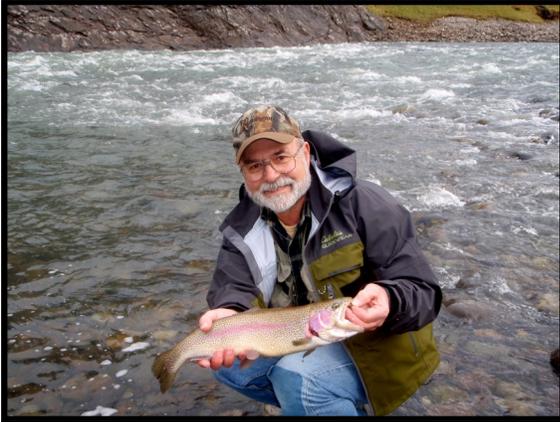
Don't forget to continue to contribute to the CFF bamboo rod and the Casting for Recovery fly box raffles. Tickets are a nominal \$5 and regardless of outcome, will go to a good cause. These will be available at our upcoming general meetings.

Final Reminder – if you have not renewed your membership, please do so at the April meeting; or you can send a check to CFF, P.O. Box 5384, Eugene, 97405.

I hope that many of you are getting your rods out and throwing your lines on the waters that are available to fish!

Glenn Miller

April Presentation, Bob Wolfe Why Fish Chironomids?



Bob Wolfe, many years in developing patterns with his advancing observations of trout feeding on midge flies, will share a program that I would say is: Not To Be Missed!

No matter your experience level in fishing chironomids, no matter your capability to date, I imagine there is much to be learned from this NW United States master of the prolific chironomid.

I'm guessing that everything not known is in the realm of what we don't know that we don't know. If you are at all like me, having mostly avoided learning about and employing tactics capable of hooking fish after fish in the chironomid game, come on down!

The Wolf of Chironomids, Bob Wolfe, will distill his numerous days, weeks, years of personal research to share some "blue sky" on catching trout on the ubiquitous chironomid.

Feel free to join whoever shows up at The Steelhead Brewery & Café, corner of East 5th and Pearl Street around 5:00 pm. Bob Wolfe will be present — get a head start on what promises to be a worthy CFF meeting

Michael T Williams, CFF Program Chair

Bob Wolfe's Biography

I have been an avid fly fisherman for over fifty years and grew up fishing the Sierra Nevadas in Central and northern California. After spending two tours with the US Army in Viet Nam I went to work for the US Forest Service in Oregon. I have been blessed to always work in an area with great fly fishing opportunities including over 20 years in the Grants Pass area fly fishing the Rogue and Umpqua.

I recently retired after 36 years with the Forest Service, the last 14 years as a Law Enforcement Officer assigned to the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests in NE Oregon. One of the benefits of the job was an opportunity to become very familiar with the lakes and streams in the area, particularly the Blue mountains and the Elk Horn Range. As an avid fly fisherman I was always looking for fishing opportunities wherever I worked. I found NE Oregon to be filled with fly fishing destinations and one of the best kept secrets in the country.

I am a founding member and past president of the Blue Mountain Flycasters club in Pendleton. As a fly tying instructor, casting instructor and fly fishing instructor, I have had the opportunity to introduce hundreds of people to the great sport of fly fishing and the fly fishing opportunities in Oregon.

I originated and developed the Buzz Hackle fly series including the BH Buzz Hackle and Buzz Bugger patterns for both trout and steelhead. I have demonstrated these patterns for several years at Fly Tiers Expos in the NW with great interest and positive feedback from flyfishers all over the west. I also recently originated and developed the very productive Magic Midge series of Chironomid patterns and have been doing presentations on Chironomid fishing techniques to fly fishing clubs in Oregon and Washington. As a Forest Service Officer working on several national forests in the NW, I have had the opportunity to test my Buzz Hackle fly patterns all over Oregon and parts of Washington and have rarely found a trout that would refuse them.

Why is it important to fish chironomids?

Chironomids, particularly the pupae state, make up over 50% of a trout's annual diet and up to 100% in early spring in productive still waters. This presentation will help fly fishermen better understand the life cycle of chironomids and important characteristics for the pupa that need to be imitated to make proper presentations and tie productive imitations. The presentation will cover tackle, fishing techniques, presentations, and lots of helpful hints to make your time on the water more productive. Whether you tie your own flies or buy them at the fly shop, it's good to recognize a good chironomid pattern when you see one.

A Chance Meeting Leads to Fund Raising Success

by Roz Kauffman and Katherine Paiva

Two years ago, CFF and Damsel Fly member Katherine Paiva met Snake Brand Guides owner Mike McCoy in the Fall River Hatchery parking lot. What developed was a lasting friendship that will benefit Southern Oregon's Casting for Recovery retreat in the fall. "From that first meeting, through email and phone calls," says Katherine, "we have become grand friends. He says he has adopted me. His goal is to educate female fisherwomen everywhere so that they/we have a bag of tricks to call upon while fishing – so we can hold our own among fly fishers, male and female, anywhere. Honestly. It is Mike's hope that with these new skills, we will go back and teach other fly fishers the techniques we have learned."

Late last year Mike proposed a free day-long Czech Nymphing Clinic on the Crooked River, that he would teach with Scott Robertson (former captain of Team USA Fly Fishing), and Scott's son Russell. Since Katherine knew Mike had been looking for a way to support Casting for Recovery, she came up with the mutually beneficial idea of having Clinic participants donate to CFR.

Casting for Recovery is a nationally recognized not-for-profit program established in 1996. It provides, at no charge, an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in natural settings; and to learn fly-fishing, a sport for life. After discussion with CFF and Damsel Fly member Kathy McCartney, a Casting for Recovery River Helper and Instructor, Katherine decided funds raised would go toward the CFR Southern Oregon Retreat.

The Czech Nymphing benefit clinic was months in the making. Mike tied up leaders, created square strike indicators called curly/whirlies, and tied dozens and dozens of flies, (which he gifted to us), and scouted the river. The list of instructors also grew as the months went by and our lucky group ended up with five instructors for eight women! A big thank-you goes out to Mike McCoy and his highly successful fly fishing friends who were incredibly patient and knowledgeable; Scott and Russell Robertson, Vern Jeremica and Bruce Luxford. Those attending from the Damsel Flies and CFF included; Katherine Paiva, Trese Slocum, Kathy McCartney, Michelle Overall, Maryam Peigahi and Roz Kauffman. Southern Oregon Casting for Recovery instructors Kim DeVries and Carol LaBlanche also joined the Clinic.

To quote Maryam Peigahi "all the planets aligned; sunshine, beauty, new friends, and a great cause."

Oh yes, we caught many beautiful feisty fish on the Crooked River using the Czech Nymphing technique as well as raising \$700 for Casting For Recovery – enough to fund one applicant for the fall Southern Oregon retreat.



Top—Maryam Peigahi

Bottom L-R- Vern Jeremica, Russell Robertson, Scott Robertson, Mike McCoy and Bruce Luxford.





We were Casting for Recovery!



L-R—Kim DeVries Kathy McCartney, Katherine Paiva, Trese Slocum, Michelle Overall, Maryam Peigahi, Roz Kauffman, Carol LaBranche

Upcoming Events from Near and Far



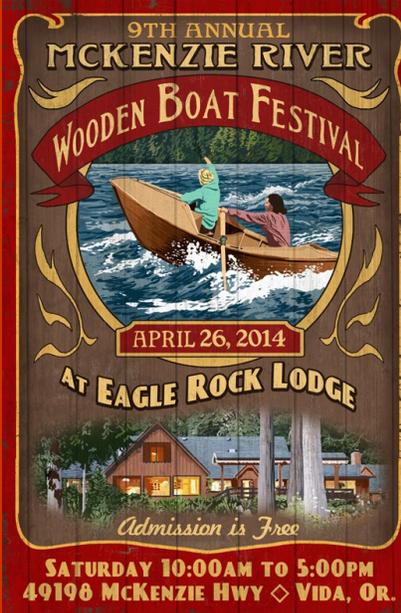
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Cascade Family Flyfishers

will have a table at this the 9th annual McKenzie river wooden Boat Festival April 26, 2014.

Some of our members will be tying flies, some selling raffle tickets for a print donated by Darlene, benefiting Casting for Recovery, and some demonstrating casting.

If any one would like to help out please contact Steve or Michelle Overall, 541-746-3316, or overalls2@msn.com or just come on up for the day. This is a great event at a beautiful venue, admission is free and the McKenzie River Guides will be Barbequing hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings and drinks for a fee.

Hemlock Lake Outing

May 24th



Ah, hemlock, that fabled ditchweed used as poison in days of yore; most famously perhaps to administer capital punishment to an impertinent and unrepentant Socrates. Later, in rotten Denmark, according to Shakespeare, Prince Hamlet's uncle used 'the leperous distilment' for fratricide.

Fast forward to modern times where the Oregon Cascades provide the backdrop for our May 24th club outing to Hemlock Lake. This 28 acre, man made lake sits at 4,000 ft. elevation on a tributary of the North Umpqua River. Nestled amongst the gentle, wooded slopes, Hemlock is stocked generously each spring after the road clears.

To get to Hemlock Lake follow Little River Rd. (Douglas County #17) from Glide. After about 19 miles the pavement ends and it changes to a relatively good gravel Forest Service road (FS#27), for the last 12 miles. As you near the lake the road splits with the right fork going to the 9 site (FS) campground and to the left to the boat ramp and mountains beyond. For float tubes and most pontoon boats, launching access from either arm of the lake is no problem. If you've used the ramp for your 'hardside' remember there are no motors allowed on Hemlock Lake.

As far as the fishing, what works in most Oregon lakes (remembering the calendar) will work in Hemlock Lake. I'd have wooly buggers in olive and black; callibaetis, damsel and dragon fly imitations. As for those of you starting to 'get into' chironomid fishing, as I am, give that a try too, what the heck! This lake is fairly new to me so, come on down and get to know Hemlock Lake along with me.

Pete Szekely

Rod Building

Class

Once again, Tony Overstake of TrueWest custom rods offered a rod building class to Cascade family flyfishers members. This year 14 members attended Tony's class. The group built rods from 7'6" 3wt's to 10'6' switch rods, and several people opted to do one of Tony's custom cork handles. After some practice and tips from Tony, some got very creative with the wrapping of their rods. The quality of the rods that members built this year was outstanding! I think we visited just as much as we worked on the rods (probably my fault) but everyone got to know each other a lot better and new friendships were made. I would like to thank Timm Wagner and Tony for all the help they provided to make this a very successful event. I think we all learned a lot and I know I had a great time. I can't wait until next year.

Randy Beard ><););)< J*



From The McKenzie Messenger Newsletter of the McKenzie Fly fishers

ODFW Seeking Angler Education Instructors

April Program — Dr. James Lichatowich

Dr. James Lichatowich will be the speaker at the April 21st meeting...Monday night at Lewis & Clark Catering next to Mercedes dealership on MLK. Meeting is from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm.

Jim Lichatowich, has worked on Pacific salmon issues as a researcher, manager, and scientific advisor for 44 years. He specializes in the history of salmon management and the life history and status of salmon and steelhead populations and the development of restoration plans in the Pacific Northwest. Jim was formerly the Chief of Fisheries Research and Assistant Chief of Fisheries for the State of Oregon.

MFF Outings Schedule

May 14-18th Deschutes R salmon fly hatch

June—Town Run for summer Steelhead

July 11-13th— Umpqua Bass

July/August—East Lake

September— Gold lake

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has a great Angler Education Program and they are looking for new volunteer instructors. If you enjoy fishing and sharing your knowledge with others this is right up your alley. Angling Ed Instructors are called upon to help at various angling education venues throughout the year for example; Family Fishing Events at Cottage Grove Pond and Alton Baker Pond, Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Ophelia's Place, School programs and other types of events. Volunteers are given training and materials (plus a neat shirt) for use at these venues.

If you are interested please contact Shannon Richardson at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the Springfield office [541-726-3515](tel:541-726-3515) or Shahab Farzanegan at [503-947-6017](tel:503-947-6017).

Rod Builders hard at work in Randy Beard's well appointed and comfy studio. Thanks Randy! (continued from page 7)



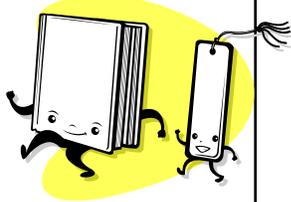
2014 Outings

Location	Date	Host	Phone #
Coastal Trip	TBD	Marv Clemons	541/688-8774
Hemlock Lake	May 24	Pete Szekely	541/942-4573
Chewaucan River	June 3-7	Pete Szekely	541/942-4573
Erma Bell Lakes	June 20-21	Glenn Miller	541/359-9522
High Lakes Gathering	July 3-6	Glen Neal Rick Diggs	541/345-8183 541/685-2582
Umpqua River	July 19-20	Glen Neal	541/345-8183
East Lake	Aug 15-17	Rod Roth	541/342-6745
Crooked River	Sept 19-21	Fred Acosta	541/741-8276

2014 Presentations

Speaker	Topic	Date
Bob Wolfe	Why Fish Chronomids?	April 23
Chester Allen	Fly Fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat & Fly Tying Demo	May 28
Michael T. Williams	TBD	June 25

Library News



We have acquired three more new DVD's for the library. The new DVD's are Wet Fly Ways, Spey Fishing Steelhead, and Midge Magic (two discs one on fishing midges and the other on tying midges). So please be sure and check these out. I will bring five to six books to the next meeting and will also bring a list of the books that we have and if you see any you would like to use tell me and I will bring them to the next meeting, or we can see if we can meet some where before the next meeting.

Lastly please return any books or DVD's that you may have checked out over the last year. We have a number of items that have been checked out for quite some time. So please check to ensure that you haven't forgotten to return an item. This will make sure all of our members have an opportunity to enjoy all of the items in the library. I appreciate your help. Thanks to all of you who have returned their checked out material.

For future DVD's that have been checked out I will send you an e-mail reminder to return the item.

Alan Corbin, Library

Member Deals

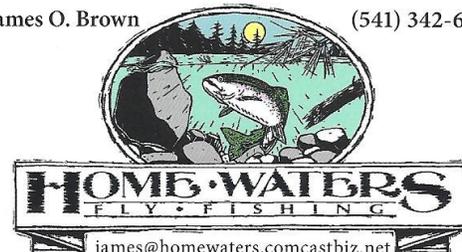
Members receive a 10% discount at Caddis Fly and Homewaters, when you mention discount at time of purchase.



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Washington Department of Fish and Game

<http://wdfw.wa.gov>



Montana Fish and Game

<http://fwp.mt.gov/>



Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife FishWorks Newsletter

<http://dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/fishworks/index.asp>

<http://www.west-fly-fishing.com>



Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us>



California Fish and Game

<http://www.fgc.ca.gov/>



Idaho Fish and Wildlife

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/wildlife/>

News Reel Deadline & Information

Send your Newsreel submissions by the following Sunday after the monthly board meeting (2nd Wednesday of the Month) to Roz Kauffman at rozinkadena@yahoo.com. Send photos via email to the same address, please include names and places.

Thanks,

Your Editor—RK



OTHER CLUB WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

- Blue Mountain Fly Casters** <http://bluemtnflycasters.org/>
- Cascade Family Flyfishers** <http://www.cascadefamilyflyfishers.com/>
- Central Oregon Flyfishers** <http://www.coflyfishers.org/>
- Clackamas Flyfishers** <http://www.clackamasflyfishers.org/>
- Clark-Skamania Fly Fisher** <http://www.clark-skamania-flyfishers.org/>
- Columbia Gorge Fly Fishers** <http://community.gorge.net/cgflyfishers>
- Fly Fishers Club of Oregon** <http://www.flyfisherscluboregon.com/>
- Lower Umpqua Flycasters** <http://www.lufc.us/>
- McKenzie Fly Fishers** <http://www.mckenzieflyfishers.org/>
- Northwest Fly Fishers** <http://www.nwflyfishers.org/>
- Rainland Fly Casters** <http://www.rainlandflycasters.org/>
- Rogue Flyfishers** <http://rogueflyfishers.org/>
- Santiam Flycasters** <http://www.santiamflycasters.com/>
- Stonefly Maidens** <http://www.stoneflymaidens.org/>
- The Steamboaters** <http://www.steamboaters.org/>
- Sunriver Anglers** <http://www.sunriveranglers.com/>
- Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers** <http://www.uvff.org/>
- Washington County Fly Fishers** <http://www.wcflyfishers-ore.com/>

Fly Swap and Raffle



Fly swap continues, so bring six flies to the meeting and you will take home six other



Contact Fred Acosta if you have items to contribute to the raffle

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)



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