

Cascade Family Fly Fishers



Clearer Waters Brighter Streams

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On the Cover

Eugene Boat and Sports Show

L-R, Bob Metcalf, Bob Wolfe, Vic Hadley, Trese Slocum

Wow what a great weekend at the 2015 Eugene Boat and Sports show. 26 members worked 112 hours volunteering to tie flies, teach fly casting, meet the public and chat up the many show participants who stopped by the booth. We ran out of Cascade Family Fly Fishers membership forms and brochures. Thanks to Roz Kauffman and Michelle Overall who were able to come to our rescue and bring in additional application forms and Club Newsletters for distribution, we had handouts until Sunday afternoon. Jen Acosta was the communications person who made the cell phone calls to arrange to get more handouts. Thanks to all of you.

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Our next meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Gordon Grant—McKenzie River Hydrology

More details on Page 3

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 7:00 pm.

Prez Sez By Glenn Miller

What a great January meeting we had at our new venue, the Wesley United Methodist church. We had over 70 people in attendance and the meeting room worked out just fine. Dave Hughes put on a great show about small stream fishing and many new folks were in attendance!

This is a busy time of year for our club. On Monday nights, Tony Overstake, along with trusty assistants Randy Beard and Dave Prindel, are teaching ten club members to build new fly rods. Then on Tuesday nights Rod Roth, assisted by Steve Overall, Dave Prindel, Vic Hadley, Randy Beard and Mike Marlatt are teaching a fly tying class to over 20 participants. And with the unusually nice weather this winter more folks are getting out to fish our local rivers, coastal lakes, etc.

Once again, Marv Clemons did a great job organizing and overseeing our booth at the Boat and Sportsman's show. Many people stopped by to receive training on fly casting and fly tying and we also handed out many brochures to folks interested in our club. See Marv's column for more details. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out at the booth!

One thing you won't want to miss is the annual Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo being held on March 13-14 at the Albany fairgrounds. This is a fabulous event where you can attend various fly fishing and casting classes, observe expert fly tyers in action, meet guides and vendors, purchase fly fishing gear, etc. For all the information you would want to know about this event and to sign up for classes, check out the Expo website: <http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com/>

Our second outing of the year is to Hult Reservoir on March 28th. Check the outing schedule further back in this newsletter. Dates are getting firmed up and we have several new destinations planned in 2015. Outings are a great way to learn about new fisheries and to meet others in the club. I

try to attend as many outings as possible and I hope you'll do the same.

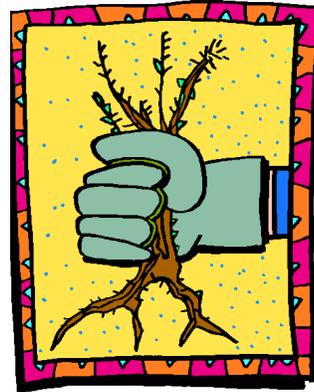
At the February meeting, Trese Slocum will have a questionnaire available to determine club interest in fly fishing instruction. If there is enough interest, we'll do some informal sessions that will likely be held for an hour or so before the general meetings in April and May. Be thinking about what fly fishing skills you'd like to see taught.

I'd like to thank all of you for helping us with timely membership renewals this year! Most of you have already renewed but if you haven't, you can take care of this by mail or just bring a check to the next meeting.

I'm really looking forward to hearing about the "Geology of the McKenzie River" at our February 26th meeting. I hope to see you all there!

Glenn Miller, President

Conservation Corner



The next work party at Delta Ponds will be Saturday, March 7th from 9:-12. We will be weeding the area around the trees we planted last year.

Thanks!

February Presentation — Gordon Grant
The Remarkable Geology & Hydrology of
the McKenzie River

On February 26th Gordon Grant will present “ The Remarkable Geology & Hydrology of the McKenzie River and Why a Fly Fisher Should Care.”

Gordon Grant is a Research Hydrologist with the USDA Forest Service and holds degrees from the University of Oregon (BA with honors) and John Hopkins University (PHD in Geomorphology & Environmental Engineering). Gordon’s specific expertise is structure and dynamics of mountain streams.

Gordon Grant, career white water river guide will share a truly one of a kind presentation!

Michael T. Williams, Programs

CFF Library News

I have acquired eight new videos for the club library so swing by at the next meeting and check them out. The Videos are; Top 85 Tips on Fly Fishing for Trout, Conquering Chironomids, Advanced Techniques for Fly Fishing Stilwaters, Fundamental Dry Fly Techniques, First Cast to Double Haul, How to Row a Drift BoatThe, Underwater World of Trout and The Jefferson Journal-Tie and Fish Tiny Flies including a Portrait the Upper Rouge. Also please remember to return any library materials you may be finished with so others may enjoy them.

Thanks, Alan Corbin



2015 Eugene Boat and Sports Show

(Continued from the front page)

Thanks to Jerry Blade, Trese Slocum, Dale Ledyard and Tim Hood who came in early to assist with the booth set up as well as stay and assist with tying and casting. I realize the remaining list is long but I feel that all deserve public mention for their contribution in making the Boat and Sports show another awesome success. Thanks go to Fred Acosta, Randy Beard, Bill Burleigh, Hal Comstock, Curtis Erickson, Vic Hadley, Dale Ledyard, Dennis Munroe, Steve Overall, Dave Prindel, Rod Roth, Joe Hamilton, Joe Moody, Teresa Slocum, and Roz Kauffman. (Please pardon me if I missed anyone).

Having the extra people at the booth to visit with interested passers by about the club and all the activities we offer really struck a chord with many who either joined outright, or plan to attend our next meeting. Also a big shout-out goes to our CFF members, although not working the booth, who came by and loaned moral support like Andy Anderson, Ken and Missy Lathon, Mike Marlatt, and others I probably missed.

It’s always fun to enjoy the camaraderie among the members, but with the many friends, past members, and family who stop by the booth to wish us well and enjoy the demonstrations, and lie about their fishing adventures really puts the frosting on the cake for the event. Jerry Blade, Dave Prindel, Tim Hood, Teresa Slocum, and Curtis Erickson all stayed until the bitter end to do the take-down an their help was much appreciated. From all reports, those of us who participated look forward to another great Boat and Sport Show event in 2016. Thank you all again and enjoy.

Marv Clemons, Event Coordinator

Rod's Flytying Corner

By Rod Roth

Edwards Sedge "Caddis"



Materials List

Hook: 12—14 2XL Dry
Thread: Dark Olive or Black 3/0
Tail: Natural Deer
Body: Green "Caddis" Dubbing
Over Wing: Light Yellow/White Elk
Hackle: (1) Furnace & (1) Grizzly



Take about 8-10 natural deer fibers, tie in on the side of the hook. Keep centered. Make (1) wrap under the tail and then 3-4 firm wraps over the previously wrapped thread.



Apply dubbing wax to about 3in of thread. Evenly & liberally dub on the green dubbing.



Grasp the bottom of the thread, below the dubbing & pull up the bobbin & the thread to the base of the thread on the hook & over wrap the thread, creating a dubbing loop.



Apply a dubbing twisting tool to the bottom of the loop. Make several twists, making a firm even "noodle".



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Take a moderate clump of the Elk.

Length is over the tail by $\frac{1}{2}$, Reverse the elk so the tips point to the eye. Make 3-4 soft positioning wraps on top of the hook. Keep centered. Move the thread in front of the previous wraps & firmly tie down, causing the tips to flair. Trim away the flared elk. Firmly over wrap back over the stubs and slightly over the elk over wing with 2-3 soft wraps



Prep both of the furnace & the grizzly hackles by stripping off a long bare stem. Tie the furnace and the grizzly Keeping a good portion of the bare stem visible.



With close firm wraps, wrap the furnace hackle 4-5 X from the base of the over-wing to just behind the eye tie off & trim. Wrap the grizzly hackle 4-5 X, through the furnace hackle with a “wiggling” motion, tie off and trim. Take a $\frac{1}{2}$ hitch tool make 3-4 double $\frac{1}{2}$ hitch knots, pushing up against the hackle. Repeat X-3 trim the thread, with a push cut. Apply head cement & clear the eye of any cement

Siletz River an Auction Trip

By Roz Kauffman

Do I hear \$300? “Three hundred” said Marv Clemons, and with that Marv was the high bidder on a guided fishing trip with Curt Currey. I was bidding against him and sorry to have lost out on a trip with CFF member Curt Currey who is my “go to” guide. At the end of the auction I asked Marv if I could split the trip with him and he said “let me ask Thelma” to my delight on January 25th Marv and I were fishing on the Siletz with Curt on an unseasonably warm winter day.

We met Curt at 7:00 am downtown in the little town of Siletz and put in at a small landing close by. Curt had a stretch of river in mind and let us know that the day before he had just made it upstream, today the water level had dropped and passage was questionable, but we would give it a go and see if we could make it one more day. The motor up was challenging, Curt had to maneuver around rocks and strong current but with Marv and me lending our recently gained holiday weight for ballast and his strong motor we reached our destination at first light.

Before we took off Curt looked me dead in the eye and said we were going to be fishing “big league style today” which turned out to be “bobberdogging.” This was a first for me and I wondered if I would be any good at setting the hook under a float. We fished with a float that was cut in half and instead of floating up and down as usual we drifted them flat on the water with the top pointing downstream. We fished with two hooks, one with a yarn ball and roe and the other with a heavy bead. It took some practice but eventually I was able to allow the line to float in the proper position to keep the bobber moving free and we were off in search of steelhead. We had a few hits the first few times through the run and then Marv had his first solid hook up expertly landing a bright native steelhead. Then it was my turn, another solid hook up and the rodeo was on. This fish was just about all I could handle, Curt coached me and after about 10 minutes of getting my fish almost to the boat, then back into the current, I landed my first native steelhead. It too was bright silver and a much tougher fighter than the hatchery fish I’d previously caught.

Curt continued to motor us back up to the top of the run and most times we had a nibble, then for the second time my bobber went down and I had my second steelhead of the day on. This fish was smaller and came to the boat with less effort, Curt said it looked like a hatchery fish. But steelhead being smarter than me seem to have all kinds of tricks up their sleeves, this one was no exception, it made a run straight at me, went under the front of the boat, up the side, into the air and flipped off to live another day. I was feeling pretty stupid but Curt cheered me up by saying that

“sometimes you don’t do anything wrong and you lose them, especially on beads.”

By that time it was 10:00 am and we were headed down river to fish the rest of the town run. Unfortunately that was our last hook up but we had a grand time enjoying the weather, fishing lesson, action and good company. So start saving up for next year’s auction, I know I will be.



Marv Clemons



Marv's steelhead



Curt with my first native

**A Chironomid Fish Day at
Cottage Grove Pond
By Trese Slocum**

A group of five CFF members joined Bob Wolfe, assisted by CFF member Rich Murray for a day to learn the specifics for chironomid fishing. The enthusiastic group, consisting of Betty Capt, Roz Kauffman, Marian Lill, Trese Slocum and Floyd Wooton, carpooled and caravanned to Cottage Grove to meet up with Bob Wolfe at his beautiful home in the countryside. There we entered the “man cave” fly tying area, where Bob demonstrated how to tie chironomids, and showed us the real chironomid larva, preserved in a jar as comparison. Then Bob generously gave each of us several chironomid flies, the shiny black-silver of the top hook, and the black-red one for the bottom hook. After going over the specific rigging of the leader and tippet, the placement of the indicator, top fly and bottom fly, the group cheerfully headed down the road to the Cottage Grove pond.

The Cottage Grove pond is located in the Row River Nature Park, set off from the highway and sheltered from the traffic by many trees and bushes. It had been stocked with 1750 trout the week before, and we had heard stories of the multitude of fish caught there in the last few days. The weather was beautiful for February, warm and sunny, and the wildlife was abundant. Wild geese, and ducks landed on the water and called their greeting to us. While the pond had many bushes and trees around it, there also were plenty of clear spaces to back cast without losing too many flies.

The fishing started slow for all of us except for Bob Wolfe. Somehow he managed to land fish after fish while the rest of us looked on in amazement. We all had the same flies as he did, the same placement of the rigging as he had, fished the same depth of water as he was, and yet the man seemed to be a fish magnet. We soon realized that there was a lot more to chironomid fishing than just having the right equipment. Bob demonstrated how he worked the leader to simulate chironomid movement, casting to the ripple in the water. Soon each of us managed to imitate his technique enough to get some success, by having take downs of our indicator, and by catching the fish. Throughout the day, Bob explained the rationale for his changes in fishing depth, and Rich helped us adjust our rigging accordingly. We experimented with the changes to see the effect on our fish catching.

The day quickly passed before we realized. We had gleaned a lot of knowledge of chironomid fishing, not only how to fashion our line but also how to seek out the fish, and catch them. We left grateful for the exciting and fun day of fishing, and also with the resolve to practice the technique for our future fishing outings. Many thanks are given to Bob and Rich for their patience and willingness to teach us about chironomids and how to fish with them.

Top to bottom—Trese Slocum, Bob Wolfe, Floyd Wooton, Roz Kauffman





Eugene Boat and Sports Show 2015

Randy Beard teaching casting using the child size bamboo rod that he recently made for his granddaughter.

More pictures from Cottage Grove



L-R, Betty and Marian ready for action



Floyd hooked on chromids



Trese and Bob gear up

Horton (Hult) Pond Outing
Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Host: Glen Neal

The Horton Pond (Hult Reservoir) outing is soon upon us. Close to the Eugene/Springfield area, only 35 miles away, this outing is one of CFF's more popular day trips for spring fishing.

Directions from Eugene (travel time about 50 minutes):

1. Take Hwy 99 going north until Hwy 36 (7 miles from Belt Line and Hwy 99.) Take a left onto Hwy 36 going west, approximately 20 miles. (Alternate route from Hwy 99 is to take a left on Clear Lake Road (0.5 miles from Belt Line and Hwy 99) which becomes Lawrence Road. Continue straight until you reach Hwy 36. Take left (west) onto Hwy 36.)
2. Continue on Hwy 36 over Low Pass until you come to Horton Road on the right.
3. Follow Horton Road approximately 3.5 miles until it divides at the Horton Market.
4. Turn right on Lake Creek Road and follow straight along the dirt/gravel road until Horton Pond is visible on your right, approximately 1.5 miles.

There is a small undeveloped boat ramp with parking on the roadside edge of the pond. Chemical toilets are available.

Meeting Time:

We will meet at the Horton Pond at 10:30 AM - 11 AM. A sign indicating the CFF location will be visible from the road.

Flotation Equipment:

Non motorized drift boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes are all great methods to access the fishing. All skill levels are perfect for this pond, from beginners to the advanced. Water is typically calm with an afternoon wind. Very limited bank fishing is available.

Fishing Equipment:

The reservoir is an old log pond at the headwater stretch of Lake Creek with a maximum depth of 11-15 feet. Cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, perch, brown bullhead, bluegill, and bass can all be found within its water.

Fishing is best done using a sink tip or full sinking line. Leader length is 9 feet, tippet 4-6 pound weight. Recommended wet flies are wooly bugger (red or olive), red chironomid, possie bugger, hare's ear, prince nymph, hidden bead March Brown, pink/orange cutthroat flies. A calibaetis hatch is possible with good weather.

Treats - Lunch:

The group will reconvene together at lunchtime. Bring your own meal, treats and beverage. Three delicious Dutch Oven desserts will be provided for members by Bill Burleigh and Glen Neal.

Apparel/Camera:

Weather has been variable in the past years ranging from snow, rain 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 Glen Neal @ 541/345-8183.



Horton Pond 2014 Outing



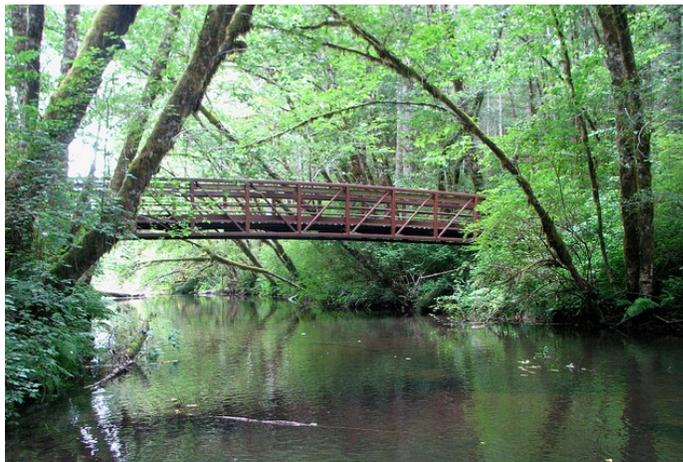
CASCADE FAMILY FLYFISHERS ALSEA RIVER OUTING
January 24, 2015
By Trese Slocum and Marv Clemons

The Alsea River trip was a great way to start the CFF fishing outing season. Hosted by enthusiastic Marv Clemons, some of the members departed Saturday, January 24th from McDonalds in Junction City and carpooled or caravanned through the mountainous terrain past Alsea Falls to the Alsea Hatchery. Others met there later. The group totaled 9 members, comprising of outing host, Marv Clemons, Fred Acosta, Curtis Erickson, Dale Ledyard, Mike Marlatt, Rich Murray, Trese Slocum, Brandy Williford and Bob Wolfe. For those wanting guidance on rod setup and flies to use, Marv demonstrated several versions he had experienced as successful.

A traditional stop prior to starting to fish was the stop at the hatchery to check the pens for returning steelhead. As usual the pens on both sides of the center raceway, for new incoming fish, were full and really got the group motivated and the juices running.

The group cheerfully headed to the water, all-hopeful and ready to land their feisty steelhead. The day was perfect, heralding warm temperatures, and a clear day, with sunshine coming through the partially cloudy skies. The fish were there - huge, flashes of silver as they moved through the clear water to disappear as silently as they appeared. Some early fishermen, there since sunrise, already had their trophies lined up on the bank. We each took our place on the riverbank and cast our flies into the water, hoping for the one that would spring our line into action, and make our day. Although the morning fishing was uneventful for the CFF fishers, we did marvel at the beauty and size of the fish.

At noon the group joined together at Clemens Park and shared lunch, fish stories and fishing techniques, Thelma's wonderful cookies, and Trese's banana pecan bread. Afterwards Marv took us to many of his favorite fishing holes on the Alsea River, accessible for bank fishing as well as by drift boat. We scouted access routes, boat ramps, learned how to read the water, and determined the best holding holes for the steelhead. The shared camaraderie, laughter, and learning carried us onward for the remainder of the afternoon's fishing. While the fish didn't cooperate this trip, it was a great day, a great outing, and a great time with CFF members. Many thanks to Marv Clemons for his great organization and hosting, and to those who came out and shared the day with us all.



More Fishing Less Wishing!



Glenn Miller with a 40 pound striped marlin Kona Hawaii



Tim Hood caught this steelhead on the North Coquille.

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2015 Outings

2015 is upon us, and the CFF outings are ready to begin. 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
Horton Pond	Sat, Mar 28	Glen Neal	541 345-8183
Erma Bell	Fri, June 19 - Sat, 20	Glenn Miller	541 359-9522
John Day	Thurs, July 9 - Sun July 12	Dave Prindel and Randy Beard	541 746-8620
East Lake	Thurs, July 16 - Sun, July 19	Rod Roth	541 342-6745
Coastal Lakes	August	Marv Clemons	541 688-8774
Fall River	Fri, Oct 9 - Mon, Oct 12	Fred Acosta	541 741-8276
Diamond Lake	October	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 to Roz Kauffman @ rozinkadena@yahoo.com.



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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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