

Cascade Family Fly Fishers

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Cascade Family Fly Fishers

Meeting Time 4th Wednesday of Each Month

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

EWEB Community Rm. 500 E. 4th St. Eugene, OR

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.

September 25th Meeting

Dean Finnerty

Advanced Steelhead Fly Fishing

See page 8 for more details

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2013

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The Prez Sez by Glenn Miller**The Prez Sez**

What a great picnic we had at our August meeting! The food was great, the company was excellent, and even though I didn't win the casting competition, it was still fun. Thanks go to everyone who helped with this event and especially to Michelle and Steve Overall for hosting us at their lovely place on the river.

I heard good reports from those of you who attended the East Lake outings (see trip reports) and the Metolius River trip which I just returned from was excellent. We're getting near the end of our outings schedule and I want to thank all of the trip leaders for organizing some great trips. And a big THANK YOU goes to Rick Diggs for being our Outings Chair this year and coordinating all of the events!

While fishing on the Metolius River the last few days, a couple of the fly fishers that I stopped and talked with were very generous in their sharing of information about that river. I am pretty much a complete novice on that fishery and I really appreciated these guys taking time from their fishing (one guy talked to me for a half hour) to share information. One guy gave me four flies and told me specifics on a few close by holes

to fish and how to fish them. Another guy was just pulling out from fishing a run and gave me information on how to fish the run and other good info about the river. These interactions made me feel wonderful and drove home the point: this is really how all of us as fly-fishers should be. It's not like we need to share all of our secrets, but helping one another out on the water is what it's all about!

I'm really looking forward to hearing from a local guide (Dean Finnerty) at our September meeting. I had the good fortune of going on a North Umpqua trip with him a number of years ago and I know he will be an excellent speaker. This will be our last meeting at EWEB which has been a wonderful location for our meetings the last several years. But as I reported last month, we have another excellent venue to look forward to in 2014, the Vet's Club at 1626 Wil-lamette St. Look forward to seeing many of you at the September meeting!

Glenn Miller

East Lake Outings
August 23, 24, 25 2013
CFF Members Attending; Marv
Clemons, Host, Vic Hadley, Curtis Erickson,
Don Quinton

Having left Thursday afternoon, I arrived at East Lake Lodge at about 7:00 PM, checked in and picked up my parking pass and launched the boat. Once again the area about 100 yards out from the boat launch by the Lodge was alive with rises so I rowed out and dropped anchor and lined up my tackle: Leader - 4' of 8#, 4' of 6#, with 3' of 4# tippet to which a size 14 Adams was attached. Then added another 3' of 4# tippet to the bend of the hook with a size 16 Callibaetis Spinner attached. The action started right away and caught four trout, one brown and three rainbows none over 10 inches. I kept the brown and from 8:00 to 9:00 PM (dark) I flogged the water without another strike as the fish continued to rise all around me.

Friday morning I met Don by the lodge. He too had come on Thursday and had great luck catching a nice 18 incher and a 16 with lots of strikes to keep things interesting. He had fished just off the boat ramp by the Cinder Cliffs on the east side of the lake where he was camped. Curtis had also arrived on Thursday with his wife Paula, and some other friends including their two miniature Schnauzers. He had fished Thursday evening and landed a nice 16" rainbow and had lots of strikes. Friday morning Vic and I met for breakfast at the lodge and Curtis dropped in and shared a cup of coffee. We were all on the water by 8:30 and I couldn't resist taking a couple of pictures of Curtis and Paula each with one of their dogs in their kayaks. Vic too was out so I took pictures of him in his new pontoon boat. Following a great breakfast at the Lodge and my group photo shoot, I was back on the water in the same area as the evening before. There were lots of fry (teeny trout) but nothing respectable rising so Curtis and Paula took off in their kayaks, Vic decided to wind-drift the area in front of the east side boat ramp and I took off for my honey hole cross the lake to a

spot off the point on the west side of the opening to the cove on the north end of the lake. When I arrived, Curtis and Paula were beached exchanging dogs in their kayaks. I anchored on my favorite shelf about 30' off shore just off the deep water, and before Curtis and crew were 100 yards out I was into my first fish, another nice brown. I stayed put for an hour or so with some action and decided to head back across to the cove by the "hot springs". I slid into the cove and saw a few rises so started casting and drifting all the way back to the take out by the Lodge without one take. Frustrated, I pulled the boat up on the shore and walked up to my rig and drove to the Cinder Hill camp ground to try to find Don's campsite. I hadn't asked him what number he was camped in and had a nice drive looking at all the equipment, and campers here for the weekend. The campground must have been completely full. I had never been in this part of the area so it was really interesting. I never found Don nor did I see him again during the rest of the trip.

Saturday morning Vic, Curtis, and I met again for breakfast. They both were going to work the shoreline and after a discussion with one of the guides at the lodge I had decided to try Kokanee fishing.



While I was dinking around with kokanee, Vic and Curtis both had some luck with the trout. The action was slow but they at least had had some success and were both anticipating the evenings fishing. We decided to go in and have a bite of dinner but were too late for the East Lake Lodge so decided to head for the Paulina Lake Lodge to see if they were still open. They were and we did then returned to East Lake for the evening fish.

As predicted, the sky was clouding up and the smell of rain was in the air. I have always enjoyed fishing in the rain so I was excited. About 5:00 the rain began. Vic and Curtis had better sense and had decided not to go out until after the rain stopped, it didn't. I was really glad that I had decided to go out, lightning and all. If I ever doubted the number of fish in East Lake, I was thoroughly convinced of the incredible number and size during that rain fall. The harder the rain fell, the more the trout were rising. I tried every fly I had, not even a strike. These trout were porpoising for what I thought were flies so I knew their size, scary large. I stayed and fished through this phenomenon until I could no longer see to change flies and finally gave up and came in at just about 9:00 PM soaked and defeated. I knew I had lost all my fishing prowess, if I ever had any, and any skill and or luck I ever had. I had not touched even one fish. Vick and Curtis were waiting for my report and I know when I told them my story they humored me but I could see they had a little doubt in their eyes.

When we all met again for breakfast on Sunday morning, Mike Cleavenger, the lead Resort Fishing Guide was at the store counter. I must have had a wild look in my eyes when I exclaimed "Boy have I got a question for you." After hearing my story from the night before, a wry smile came over his face and his head moved with understanding. When I had finished, he had a story (explanation) for me. He said "You see all these fish here in the lake are hatchery raised as there is no spawning in the lake. As such from birth they have been fed pellets broadcast to

them in the rearing ponds. They feed on these pellets until they are planted in the lake and begin to feed on the natural flies, worms, minnows, etc in the lake but have never lost their acquired instinct to respond to the sound and appearance of falling pellets. So when it rains, especially the big drops like last night, this instinct kicks in and they hit the surface thinking there are pellets to be had but there are none and no other food replaces their desire for pellets at this time, so they manifest feeding behavior but there is nothing to eat. I have experienced this phenomenon myself and felt just as you did until I learned what caused this erratic behavior. At that time, I could have hugged him. "Wow, I said, you saved my life as a fisherman. I thought I had lost whatever skill I had for catching fish but this is a plausible explanation for what I experienced. Thank you."

After breakfast Curtis and I went out again and Vic packed up and loaded his pontoon boat as he had to return to Eugene that afternoon. I scored one more nice brown, and Curtis landed another nice 16 incher. By noon we were all packed up and ready to head for home. Then the rain and hail started and we were glad to be off the water and comfy with our thoughts of another great East Lake experience.

Marv Clemons, Host.



A Fish Tale of Two Lakes

Two beautiful lakes sharing a volcanic caldera in Central Oregon. Both lakes filled with a variety of fish and Eagles soaring above us; what more could one ask for? Well, better weather and better fishing would have been great but the real problem was in the poor preparation by our trip host, me. I didn't know some important facts that led our well-attended, yet scattered group, feeling as though this wasn't a group trip at all.

This trip revealed some problems that our trip hosts need to consider, in advance of everyone leaving their home to go on the trip. The caldera had no phone cell service and the East Lake Resort pretty much shuts down at 4 pm. This leaves the Paulina Lake Resort the only place to eat within many miles and they want reservations. A bit of information gathering, in advance, by me would have made the trip more enjoyable.

My apologies to all who went for not getting the facts and contacting everyone before the trip to arrange getting together at some point to share information, visit as a group, share a meal and give us a feeling of solidarity.

I received reports that some did fairly well on the trout and some not. The weather didn't seem to have much mercy and ran folks off the water in the early afternoons with the threat of lightning. Otherwise, a few warm raindrops and partly sunny skies filled out our stay.

Well, here's to living and learning.

Rick Diggs, Host



More summer photos, East Lake and Annual Picnic

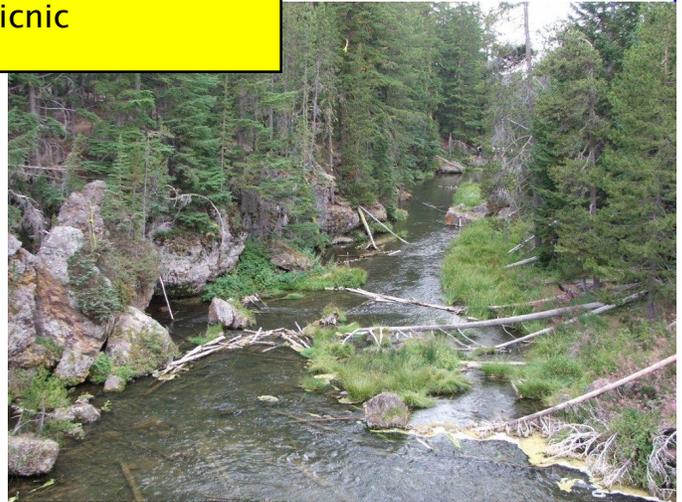


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AN INVITATION
DIAMOND LAKE OUTING
October 25, 26, & 27, 2013
Marv Clemons, Host

These dates represent the last weekend for fishing most of the high Cascade lakes. Diamond Lake Resort drops the room rates at this time to draw-in the late season elk hunters and died-in-the-wool cold weather trout fishermen and women. If you have not already made your reservation at the resort, call 541-793-3333 and do so ASAP to get the type of room you are interested in.

For those who haven't fished Diamond this late in the season, come prepared for rough weather. Snow is a possibility as well as wind. If we are lucky we will hit beautiful blue skies and relatively warm temperatures in the 50s and 60s. The weather does not seem to bother the fishing that much as the callibaetis hatch will be on so size 14/16 blue winged olive dries and nymphs will work as well as other standard nymph patterns such as hares ear, pheasant tail and prince. Also size 8 to 10 wooly buggers in midnight fire, brown, black and olive work well. We had good luck last year trolling size 14/16 olive damsels on an intermediate sinking line 18 to 24" behind the wooly buggers. Most of the fishing in the open water will be in 8 to 10 feet so the sinking line will be helpful, with a 10-count, in getting your fly down along the weed beds. Last year we noticed that most of the fly fishers were fishing from 10 to 50 feet from shore and doing well. Even though these trout do not spawn in the lake, they try to and build spawning beds out of instinct close to shore which allows the stealthy to sight fish for these lunkers.

Diamond is a big lake so plan to bring some kind of water craft. Float tubes, pontoon boats, drift boats all work well. If you do not have access to your own craft, the lodge has rentals, and guided fishing. Be sure to bring warm clothing: rain gear, wool and fleece garments for layering, gloves, a warm hat, polaroid glasses, life jacket and a full set of dry cloths just in case. I find waders work best for me. They keep my legs and feet warm and dry and are easy to move around in. Plenty of water and munchies are also a good idea. For fishing gear a 4 to 8 wht. rod will work fine. Having two rods ready with one dry line and one sinking will allow you to adapt to whatever the fish are taking with minimum hassle. You will see fish rising to the emerging callibaetis dries as they come off but remember they are also taking the nymphs below the surface.

I plan to arrive at the lake a little after noon Friday the 25th, check in, stow my gear, grab a bit of lunch and be fishing by 1:30. If you are already there perhaps we can fish together. Be sure to pay attention to when the tunnel on Hwy 58 will be open and plan you trip accordingly. To assist others who may be coming to get squared away, we will plan to meet as a group for dinner at the lodge around 7:30 PM to discuss the days fishing, share fly patterns, plan the next two days and make sure everyone is comfortable in their digs. A nice hot meal is great after a day on the water.

If you have questions about the trip please give me a call at 541-688-8774. I will be out of state from 9-10 to 9-20 enjoying my granddaughters wedding, so leave a message. You might also want to call Vic Hadley at 541-345-1263 or Curtis Erickson at 541-998-8420 as these two club members have "enjoyed" this trip for the last two years and have caught many more fish than I so they will be able to answer your questions and give you some good advice. If you will need a ride to the lake give any one of us a call and we will do our best to hook you up with a ride.

Looking forward to another great outing at Diamond Lake,

Take care and I hope to hear from you.
Enjoy,
Marv

The Metolius Outing



Dean Finnerty

Presents

Advanced Steelhead Fly Fishing

Dean Finnerty, well seasoned guide, from the Cottage Grove, Oregon area, will share a not-to-be missed program gleaned from many years guiding and learning from some of North America's iconic steelheaders—not the least of which is the one and only, late Harry Lemire, from British Columbia.

Dean Finnerty (www.deanfinnerty.com) is well known to many fishers in Oregon and the Northwest. Cutting his guide teeth when associated with Larry's sporting Goods of Gresham, OR and then beginning his own company in 1997, Dean Finnerty has led a truly interesting life.

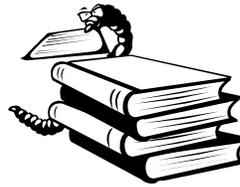
Dean shared with me that he was entranced with a fly tying kit that a grade school classmate brought to school ("Show & Tell") This impromptu scenario fueled a seminal association with Marc Bachman, co-founder of (along with Patty Barnes) The Welches Fly Shop in the Sandy River area. Dean really took off in fly tying.

I am sure that Dean Finnerty will flesh out more of his fly fishing focus. However, I'd like to add a tidbit about Dean I learned recently, Dean has been a Cottage Grove police officer for 26 years, and is due to retire in December, 2013. How does this guy do it? Family man, police officer, guide....and get this, Dean has recently been appointed as the Trout Unlimited Southwest Oregon Field Representative, interacting with Senator Wyden's and Congressman Peter DeFazio's offices!

Dean Finnerty is a person who has been on the "want list" as a presenter to the CFF. Hey! We finally have him for the evening!

I have invited Dean Finnerty to be with us for the pre-meeting dinner at The Steelhead Brewery & Café, corner of East 5th and Pearl Street. Five pm is a great time to arrive!

Michael T Williams, Program Chair



Library Corner, Alan Corbin

Our next club meeting will be in September and after a summer with few regular meetings to return checked out DVDs I'm asking all of you to see if you have any videos or books to return. We have quite a few videos checked out from this last year that I would like to get back so we can give other members opportunities to view them. I know that members lend other videos directly to others without first returning them to the library, if you have done so please remind the person you gave it to bring it back at the September meeting. Thanks for bringing the videos back and remember if you have any suggestions for the library let me know.

Future Presentations

September 25th	Dean Finnerty	Advanced Fly Fishing for Steelhead
November 20	Club members	2013 Club Outings



Conservation Corner

The next work party will on **Saturday, November 9th at Delta Ponds**. Save the dates! Check out the photos below from our last work party. Thanks again to our hard working crew.

Glen Neal, Conservation



Members Receive a 10% discount on Merchandise at Homewaters and The Caddis Fly (mention that you are a member for the discount).

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Photos from the Annual Picnic



**Calendar of Events
Tentative Outing Schedule 2013**

Location	Host	Phone #	Date
Diamond Lake	Marv	541/688-8774	October 25-27

If you would like to host one of the above trips or a trip to a different location, let Rick know, 541/685-2582. We will gladly consider waters that you are familiar with and that you feel would be a rewarding outing for the club. And don't forget next year's possibilities.

CFF fishing Information Page
Where You Can Get Real Time Information

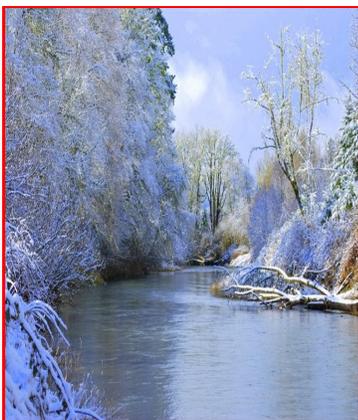


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Real Time River Levels

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current/?type=flow>



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 LETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE
BY THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY
AFTER THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

To:

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Fly Swap and Raffle



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

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/>



**Contact Fred Acosta if you have
items to contribute to the
RAFFLE!**

Membership Application

CASCADE FAMILY FLYFISHERSAPPLICATION

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) (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 club patches \$6.00 each

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

ABOUT THE CASCADE FAMILY FLY FISHERS

The Cascade Family Fly Fishers (CFF) is an independent, not for profit, fly fishing organization open to the public and is an affiliate of the National Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). Annual dues are \$25.00 for an individual or family membership, \$15.00 for a student, and \$10.00 for those who live outside Lane County. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter and the privilege of participating in any and all club activities. CFF Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and the general membership meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

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