



KLAMATH COUNTRY FLY CASTERS

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Why Do We Fish?



Why do we fish? That is a good question. It's not for food. Historically that would have been the case. But we don't even keep fish anymore. Our great grandparents would look at us as fools to throw back the numbers of fish we do. They had a totally different paradigm than we do. So why do we?

How many times have you been out on the river fishing your heart out and look up and been surprised to see the take out. Only to look down at your watch and realize that its several hours later than you expected. That happens to us all the time. We are usually late to dinner and or any other engagement after a day of fishing.

In this world of nonstop news and movement we are rarely truly present. Think about it. How many times did you check your phone during your last conversation? When you were at your kids game did you check your social media at the same time? We have so many distractions it is almost impossible to focus on the present. It is very hard to find peace when we are pulled in so many directions.



There are few activities that so fully capture your focus and attention as fly fishing. It is one of the main reasons many believe it to be such an enjoyable sport. It forces you to be fully aware of the present moment. You can't take your eye off of the fly. Floating down a beautiful piece of water, taking in all the sights, sounds, smells and elements around you while putting all of your efforts into a goal that has a completely pure objective. The simple joy of catching a fish, only to release it again. What a beautiful thing.

During a day on a river or lake it becomes almost impossible to think about politics, to do lists, world events or any other number of stresses. The time seems to disappear.

That is because you aren't thinking about the past or the future. You are focused on the here and now. The present.

The joy of sharing this with your friends and family multiplies the experience. Laughing, back slapping, sharing a beer in celebration and any number of other things done in comradery on the river can't be duplicated by a social media post. It brings us together and builds relationships that last a lifetime.

Right now it is difficult to think about fishing or anything other than the news and matters at hand. Just know that when the time comes others are here. Fishing is here. The escape from the hectic crazy world is here.

Sharing this sport and beautiful places with you is what we love to do. We need to be flexible and helpful in any way we can as we navigate the current situation together.

Don't forget, we have been through a lot together. We will make it through this. The waters and fishing will help.

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CALENDAR

April 21st - Club Meeting Canceled
 May 19th - Annual Club Fundraiser Auction Postponed to September – No May Meeting.
 June 6th - Annual Club Fly Casting Clinic at Moore Park Canceled
 Aug 30th - Annual Club BBQ at Yamsi Ranch
 Sept 15th - Annual Club Fundraiser Auction – At Running Y Conference Center

THE KCFC MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Klamath Country Fly Casters, out of a vital interest in the sport of fly fishing, do hereby join to promote fly fishing as a method of angling, to encourage youth to learn this method of angling, and to promote and participate in meetings to educate all persons in the many aspects of fly fishing as a sport. We agree to make every effort to protect and improve fishing resources in our area by encouraging the practice of catch and release fishing of wild, native fish and by supporting fly fishing organizations in other areas in the overall quest for improvement and perpetuity of fishing resources.

The members of the board of Klamath Country Fly Casters put forth this statement:

"We invite people to become board members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters who wish to promote a healthy and harmonious sense of collegial spirit within the environmental milieu of our board. We on the board, choose to care for the well-being of board members, Club members, and for our fly-fishing community. We ask those who want to be board members to practice positive intervention, to work harmoniously with other board members, and to be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community."

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Monthly Raffle: Marie Ganong

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Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Waffle Hut 106 Main Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from John Krueger

April, a new month, a new presidents message. I know where everyone's thoughts are focused. We as a club have been turned upside down for the past few weeks. Meetings, guest speakers canceled and even our yearly auction has been postponed until September. I have reached out to our board and all members of Klamath Country Fly Casters for input and ideas that give direction in a positive way and many have responded in positive and creative ways. I thank you for your input. I am a very positive person. I know as a club, and as friends we will pull together. I look forward to when we can continue with our meetings.

Oh, nothing to do? Why not tie some flies, practice casting, or call a member about hot fishing spots. The Keno section of the river is producing very well this month, call me and I'll hook you up with members who are fishing it for information. But most of all be positive and get those lines wet.



Klamath Country Fly Casters Annual Auction Postponed



The Annual Club Auction will not be held in May this year. And there will not be a May Club Meeting. As of now it is anticipated that the Auction will be held on September 15th, at the Running Y Conference Center unless circumstances dictate an additional change. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please give Lois Kruger a call at 541-539-1555 or email her at: loislanehair67@gmail.com



TYING TUESDAYS ARE SUSPENDED:

The Tying Tuesday sessions normally held at the Krueger's on Tuesday mornings from 10-12 are being suspended for the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions, please give Lois a call at 541-539-1555 or email her at: loislanehair67@gmail.com



Fishing at Running Y Ranch Resort

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stocked the pond located near the Running Y Golf Pro Shop with 250 legal-sized trout on March 19th.

These trout are to be caught and not released. If they are all caught then the ODF&W may stock more in the spring. This is an attempt to introduce more of the public to fishing with emphasis on children and families.

In Oregon, a license is required everywhere, even on private bodies of water. However, no license is required for children under 12.



Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Kris Henry at 541-880-8105 or <http://kj9henry@gmail.com> and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Kris your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Kris will then see that the word of the event gets out in a club-wide email to announce your invitation to go fishing, and he will have those interested contact you directly.

Reminder - the following offer PAID MEMBERS of the Klamath Country Fly Casters Club discounts when making a purchase

Parker's Rod & Gun Rack at 7364 S 6th St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented

The Ledge at 369 S 6th St provides a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented.

Timeflies Outfitters at 541-539-1505 or jk@timefliesoutfitters.com offers up to a 15% discount on fly tying materials & tools as well as all fly fishing gear & flies, to current members of the Club.



Hooked on Fish by Dale Zemke



For those days staying at home -

Easy Canned Tuna Pasta

Prep Time 5 minutes

Cook Time 10 minutes

Total Time 15 minutes

Servings 2

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic minced
- 1 (5 ounce) can tuna, drained I prefer tuna packed in oil
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 4 ounces uncooked pasta (I used spaghetti)

Instructions:

1. Boil a salted pot of water for your pasta and cook it al dente according to package directions. Prep your other ingredients while it cooks.
2. When the pasta is close to being ready, add the oil to a small pan over medium heat. Once the oil is hot, add the garlic and cook it for 30 seconds.
3. Stir in the tuna, lemon juice, and parsley. Let it heat through.
4. Once the pasta is done, add some of the pasta water (a couple tablespoons) to the sauce and then drain the pasta and toss with the sauce. Season with salt & pepper as needed.
5. Optional: serve pasta with freshly grated parmesan cheese and lemon zest.



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Chromie Chironomid



Black



Red

During the hot summer months when weather warms, most anglers chose patterns that are fished below the surface. At this time of the year hordes of large “bomber” pupa elevate their way to the surface stimulating a feeding frenzy. The Chromie chironomid is an excellent pattern for this situation. The Chromie is meant to represent a deep lying chironomid pupa at the stage just before the ascent to the surface. At this time the pupa takes on a silvery appearance generated by gases that collect beneath its skin. This is when the Chromie is especially effective. There are many versions of the Chromie, however a simple version is shown here.

During the summer months when most anglers chose other larger fly patterns, I find that when fly-fishing lakes in Oregon offers some of the finest chironomid action of the season. This artificial is primarily a Stillwater pattern, though along with a simple variation it can be fished in flowing water. I do this pattern in several colors (red, silver, green, black, purple ,etc.), although the Black Chromie is my favorite pattern and is an example of what a chironomid pattern should be. Whether suspended below and indicator or cast and retrieved using a floating line and a long leader the Chromie draws fish when other chironomid designs fail. Without a doubt this pupal pattern is number one in my fly box.



Recipe / Materials List

Black Chromie

Hook: Daiichi 1130 - Tiemco TMC2487 or Dai-Riki 125 Size #8 - #16
 I also like the Daiichi 1273 Chromide Red Hook Size #14 - #20

Thread: UTC 70, Rusty Brown or Mahogany

Rib: Fine Red Wire

Body: Black Hologram Flash

Thorax: Mahogany Tying Thread

Bead: Tungsten White (sized to hook)

Gills: UV2 Sparkle Yarn or Hi-Viz Bright White (Optional)

Red Chromie

Hook: Daiichi 1130 - Tiemco TMC2487 or Dai-Riki 125 Size #8 - #16
 I also like the Daiichi 1273 Chromide Red Hook Size #14 - #20

Thread: UTC 70, Red

Rib: Fine Red Wire

Body: Red Hologram Flash

Thorax: Mahogany Tying Thread

Bead: Tungsten Gold (sized to hook)

Gills: UV2 Sparkle Yarn or Hi-Viz Bright White (Optional)

Copper Chromie

Hook: Daiichi 1130 - Tiemco TMC2487 or Dai-Riki 125 Size #8 - #16

Thread: UTC 70, Red

Rib: Fine Red Wire

Body: Copper Hologram Flash

Thorax: Rust Tying Thread

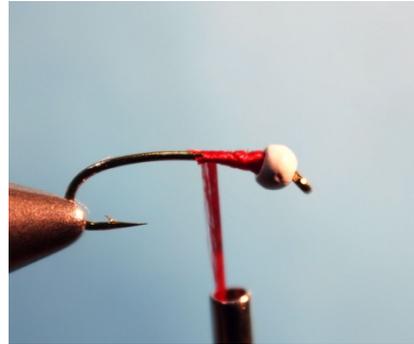
Bead: Tungsten Copper (sized to hook)

Gills: UV2 Sparkle Yarn or Hi-Viz Bright White (Optional)

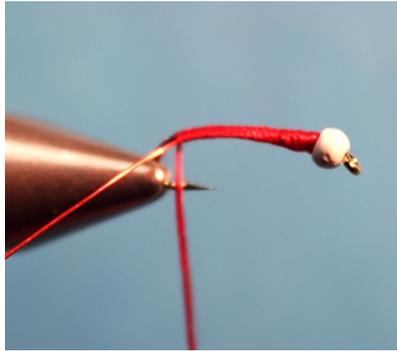


Instructions

1. Installing an appropriately sized white tungsten bead onto the Daiichi 1120 hook. Move the bead into position and start the red thread again immediately behind it.



2. Catch in the fine red wire at the front and wrap it in keeping a even tension as you wrap the thread toward the bend of the hook.



3. Tie in the holographic flash tinsel at the bend of the hook. Wrap the thread to the point indicated. Return the thread to behind the bead.



4. Wind the holographic flash tinsel down the hook shank to the bead. Make sure the wraps are smooth and that there are no visible gaps between the holographic flash tinsel. A coating of thin head cement can be added to the thread wraps prior to winding the holographic flash tinsel.



5. Counter wind one complete wrap of red wire around the rear of the body to suggest a small red butt and provide further protection to the body. With the wire butt in place counter wind the wire rib in open spirals over the body. Tie off the wire rib then cut off the excess.



- Build up a neat tapered thread thorax at the rear of the bead. Whip finish and remove the tying thread.



- Coat entire abdomen with Loon's UV Clear Fly Finish and set using UV light. This will immediately harden, but may have a glossy finish.



Finished fly



Top View



Bottom View

