



NEWSLETTER

“Extreme Fishing” with Conway Bowman



Conway Bowman is a man who really loves to catch fish. Born and raised in southern California, Conway has been fishing since the age of six. As a child, he spent time in Idaho developing his fly fishing skills on the Henry’s Fork and Silver Creek. Later he discovered saltwater fishing and has become well-known for catching mako sharks on a fly. He now travels the world, looking for out-of-the-way, lesser known places for fly fishing adventures.



Conway’s love of fly fishing led him to become a guide, and then a well-known host for television fishing programs. Some of Conway’s shows include “In Search of Fly Water” (ESPN)

“Fly Fishing the World” (Sportsman Channel)

“The Outfitters presented by Ford Trucks” (Sportsman Channel) and

“50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die” (WFN).

Recently, Conway Bowman was involved in hosting the television program featuring the Yamsi Ranch.

Come to the KCFC meeting on October 18th to hear this dynamic speaker!

info and photos from Conway Bowman’s FaceBook page, “Conway Bowman’s World of Fishing.”

Calendar
DUES ARE DUE!

October 18: Club Meeting with Conway Bowman

October 25: Fly Tying Roundtable

November 15: Club Meeting with Jeff Perin

November 29: Fly Tying Roundtable

December 20: Club Christmas Party

December 27: Fly Tying Roundtable

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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 be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community.”

COMMITTEES

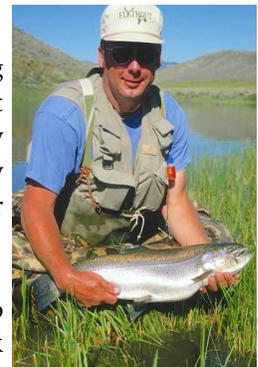
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Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at Elmer’s Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: www.klamathcountryflycasters.com

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

On Saturday September 24th our Club helped celebrate Arts on the Flyway by teaching visitors how to tie a fly. The whole program was pretty impressive. Most of Main Street was blocked off with many booths spread all along. We were fortunate to use the new conference room at Fisher-Nicholson real estate so that our materials would not blow away. We had fun and not only showed people how to tie flies but gave out our newsletter and applications to join our Club. One couple even left a cash donation for our Club.



It is fall and fishing should be good. I mentioned in the last newsletter that I planned to fish the Deschutes just before our meeting but ended up not going because of back problems. One of the main attractions of the Deschutes this time of year is a prolific October caddis hatch. This bug is one of the largest caddis flies and attracts a lot of nice fish. The best time to fish is late evening. I have even caught steelhead on the Deschutes with this fly. There are October caddis on the Williamson too although the hatch here is not as great as on the Deschutes. The traditional pattern is an orange body palmered with dark brown hackle and a dark deer hair wing tied on size 6 to 10 dry fly hooks. I now prefer a size 8 or 10 2x long curved shank hook and use dirty orange (orange touched slightly with a brown permanent marker) foam for the body and only use hackle on the head 1/3 of the body with dark deer hair or moose body hair for the wing. I use a small amount of black or gray poly bear fiber from Spirit River for an under wing and use black rubber for antennas. I talked to Rick Hafele about the fall caddis hatch on the Upper Williamson and he told me that the caddis up there are not October caddis but another variety of fall caddis. He said there are about 8 varieties of fall caddis. The largest ones up there have either a peach or tan body. I have also seen small caddis with a black or orange body on the Upper Williamson. I tie the fall caddis with peach or tan yarn on a 2x long size 8 or 10 curved shank hook with ginger hackle on the head 1/3 of the hook and use a deer hair wing over a tan under wing of Spirit River poly bear fiber. I also tie on rubber centipede legs of speckled tan/brown for antenna and legs.

Carol Ann sent a notice to everyone that the Tyrholm’s were offering a special rate for Club members to fish Pronghorn Reservoir up through October 2nd. I hope some of you gave this a chance. Several years ago I visited with Mike and he showed me a picture of a 16 pound trout that a client caught at the reservoir. If they are still there they should be even larger now! I hope some of you went and caught one of those lunkers.

I hope to see you at our next meeting. Dick



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Please welcome our newest KCFC member! Be sure to look for **Dustin Hardin** at the next meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome him into our fly fishing family!



MILLER LAKE OUTING REPORT AND WEATHER TIP, by Marshal Moser

I try not to be just a fair weather fisherman, but I admit that most of the time I am just that. I reason too much like me, not a fish. I just am not crazy about being wet and cold. I scheduled another fall trip to Miller Lake this year after a wind storm and broken gas main interfered with the Club trip there in October of 2015. Although October can be best for the big Brown Trout that Miller Lake is known for, there starts to be wide swings in the weather which can even close the road to the lake. You need to be flexible and choose to go when there is good weather.

So I scheduled a trip for the Club to Miller Lake for an overnigher in September for this year. September is normally much better for planning ahead and even getting beautiful weather. The weather forecast was correct, unfortunately, it was not the best. The weather for heading to Miller Lake on Friday showed it had a high probability (80%) of rain and cold. However, Saturday looked like it might be a perfect fall day.

I left on schedule after lunch on Friday, planning on doing some mid-afternoon into dark fishing, staying in the area, and then fishing most of Saturday (fishing is allowed 24/7 at Miller Lake by ODFW due to the Brown Trout fishery- they can be very nocturnal). I had several Club members interested and I emailed more complete information. However, with the uncomfortable weather on Friday, I did not hear from anyone wanting to take the final step and join me and the fish at Miller Lake. Also, some of the members had volunteered to tie flies at the Arts on the Flyway on Saturday; they were tied up.

Well, indeed, Friday was a bust. It was drizzly and cold. I did fish several places along the near shores of the lake, saw a little fish activity, but never had a single grab. By morning my boat had $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of ice on it in places. If you don't ever experience fishing like that, you just don't try hard enough!



Saturday was very different; the weatherman was right again – checking ahead is better than not paying attention at all. It was beautiful! As the forecast promised, the skies cleared early after dark, the barometer shot up, the weather warmed, and by sunrise the winds were calm, building to light from the west in the afternoon. I was fishing in shirtsleeves by lunchtime.



Although action wasn't hot, it was good. I caught a nice Rainbow almost immediately and soon was into a nice Brown. Spawning for the Brown was starting to kick in but wasn't in full mode yet, like it will be when the real cold weather starts. They were still widely dispersed around the lake and had not concentrated into certain areas, but they were in water 20 feet

or less. I was able to catch both Rainbows (11-14") and Browns

(14-18") by imitating small nymphs. I found out possibly why as the day went on. I saw a very few mayflies emerge early in the day; I thought it might be Callibaetis, which I had seen there before. By around 2 p.m. there was a heavy Callibaetis hatch; by 3:30 p.m. the fish were slapping them hard. I think the fish were mostly rainbows at that time. Earlier, slightly over half the fish I hooked were Browns.



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Of course, weather is critical to fishing. For getting weather reports at any point location you chose, I like NOAA: <http://www.weather.gov/> Type in the location of the place you wish, or the nearest town and state, in the search box near the upper left corner. The five day forecast opens (I am very wary of any forecast beyond 3 days) along with a map to the right and below. You can zoom in and out on the map and move around by clicking and holding down the mouse and moving the map to the specific lake or stream, or other location, for which you would like a point forecast. Click on the map at that location and it will take you there and give you the 5-day forecast for that point. After looking it over, go to the graph of the hourly forecast towards the lower right, below the maps, and click on it. It will give a graph of the forecast for the winds, precipitation, sky cover, temperatures, etc. (you can choose), for the next 48 hours. By clicking “Forward 2 Days” in the upper right corner of the graph, you can get the forecast for 4 more days (a day beyond the limit I prefer). I find it very helpful in planning which days to go out and where since there is a wide variation in weather due to the mountains in Klamath Country.

Get to Miller Lake if you can yet this fall. On good days the Brown Trout fishing can be excellent, until snow blocks the road in from Chemult. It is a good 12 mile gravel road, although it can be dusty and bumpy depending on when it was last graded. Call the Forest Service at Chemult for up-to-date information. Of course, summer can be great at Miller Lake too, but snow often blocks the road until the end of June; mosquitoes can be bad in the campground until after mid-July.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

Outings Chair, Jim Ricks, has begun a great lineup of events for 2016! Please consider adding yourself as a leader of an outing to one of your favorite places. It’s simple! Pick a place, a time, publicize it through Jim and see who shows up! You may reach Jim at 541 205-3274 or mtnestinor@gmail.com .

PLACE:	DATE:	CONTACT:
Stream Fishing	TBA	Jim Ricks 541 205-3274
Upper Williamson (see article for more information)	Saturday, October 15 Sunday, October 30	John Hyde 541 783-3008

COME FISH THE YAMSI RANCH!!

The Hyde family is once again making fishing available for KCFC Club members on two dates in the month of October.

Check your calendars for Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 30th. On both of those days, KCFC Club members can fish the Yamsi Ranch for \$75.00.

Plan to arrive around noon, fish until dark, then come back in to the house for a warm supper. Space is limited, only ten fishers each day.

Contact John at 541 783-3008 or yamsiranch@hughes.net to make your reservation!



DUES ARE DUE!

According to our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues are due as of October 1st. In an era of ever-rising prices, our Club dues are still **\$35.00** per family! And, that includes two adult voting members!

Please print and fill out this form and either bring it to the September meeting along with your dues, or mail them to:

Klamath Country Fly Casters
PO Box 324
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

First voting member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Second voting member:

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20 YEARS AGO IN THE KCFC NEWSLETTER (taken from the FFF Clubwire)

“A flyfisher is someone who goes around with determination in their eyes and a fly in their hat. They are usually good for your sense of humor and bad for your sense of smell. They come in all sizes, but their stories are always tall. A flyfisher will carry 60 pounds of gear, including a vest with 15 pounds of gadgets so they can use a 4 ounce stick and a 1/10th ounce fly to catch a one pound fish. A flyfisher will spend all day trying to catch a fish he saw once and all night talking about how a fish he never saw got away. A flyfisher has dedication, patience and a full case of liquefied malt, barley and hops to go along with an imagination that would qualify for the Guinness Book of Records. At the end of the day, clutching a fish that averaged out at \$100 a pound, flyfishers settle back in their muddy boots, open another barley sandwich and await the words that stir their souls ... the hatch will be better tomorrow!”

PROJECT HEALING WATERS AT THE YAMSI RANCH



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and disabled veterans the the sport of fly fishing. The group began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since then, PHWFF has expanded nationwide, establishing its highly successful program in Department of Defense hospitals, Warrior Transition Units, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinics.

Several years ago, members from Klamath Country Fly Casters became acquainted with veterans from the Portland/Vancouver PHWFF Chapter. Although we are not an official sponsor, we have frequently supported this chapter through our donations of fishing equipment and money collected to help with their projects

Once again, the Hyde family showed their generosity by opening the Yamsi Ranch to “our” chapter of Project Healing Waters for a couple days in August. Volunteers from the Club, led by Lois Krueger, helped take care of the veterans who attended.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Gerda, Jerri and John Hyde for their amazing hospitality. If you would like to help at next year’s event, please contact Lois at 541 539-1555. And, please remember the great veterans of PHW when we pass the creel and ask for donations to benefit them. They are definitely worthy of our support!



INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

Mahogany Sparkle Dun

The Mahogany Sparkle Dun as designed is really an emerger pattern based on imitating the Mahogany Dun hatch that occurs in the fall. It is fished as a dry fly; however it performs best when tied with a sparse wing allowing it to ride lower in the water affixed to the surface film. This imitates the exact scenario that many mayflies find themselves in trying to dry their wings and escape their shuck. The pattern incorporates three materials: Z-lon for the shuck imitation, Elk hock hair for the wing, and mahogany superfine dubbing for the body. The hair is primarily used for wings on sparkle duns. It is characterized by two things: the hair is hollow down into the tips, and the tips themselves are short and fine. Look for short black tips, which indicates most of hair is hollow. The Mahogany Dun is an evening hatching fly. The real delight, however, is during the hatch itself. Trout rise lazily to sip the duns near the bank, so all the action is at your feet. A downstream presentation is usually best because the trout sees the fly before the line or leader.



Materials:

Hook: TMC 2488 #12 - #16
 Thread: Rusty Brown 8/0
 Shuck: Amber Z-lon
 Wing: Elk Hock Hair – Natural Dark Brown
 Body: Mahogany Brown Superfine Dubbing

Instructions:



Attach the thread at the rear edge of the index point. Wrap a smooth thread base back to the midpoint on the hook and forward again to the seventy five percent point. Leave the thread hanging at the seventy-five percent point.

Cut, clean and stack a small clump of dark brown Elk hair and measure it against the hook so it is equal to one shank length. Lay the hair in with the tips pointing out over the hook eye. Tie the hair down at the seventy-five percent point. Trim the butt ends of the hair at an angle so they transition smoothly to the hook shank.





Tie in a sparse clump of amber Z-lon at the base of the wing and wrap back over it to the bend so it sticks out the back of the hook like a tail.

Bring the thread to the front of the wing and build a thread dam against the front edge of the hair to stand it up vertically. Apply a thin, even layer of dubbing to the thread. Twist the dubbing forming a tight thin taper.



Start the dubbing at the bend of the hook and work forward to the back edge of the wing forming a smoothly tapered body.

Again apply a thin, even layer of dubbing to the thread for the thorax. Wrap the dubbing back again to the front of the wing and taper back down toward the hook eye, ending with bare thread at the rear edge of the index point.



Whip finish and clip the thread. Splay the wing with your fingertips so it spreads nearly 180 degrees across the front of the fly. Trim the shuck so it is equal in length to the hook shank.



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

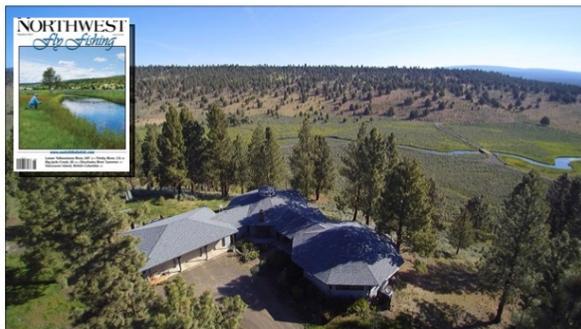
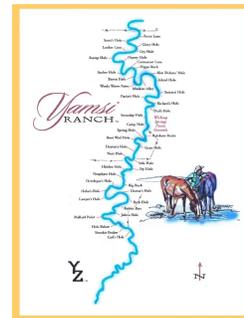
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YAMSI RANCH

- ~ IFFF certified fly casting instructor
- ~ the Upper Williamson River
- ~ Hyde Lake
- ~ Echo fly rods
- ~ AirFlo fly lines, leaders
- ~ Award winning silver and leather
- ~ wildlife/bird watching
- ~ working cattle ranch



BLACK DRAKE RANCH offers 420 acres of privacy with miles of two year-round flowing streams, teeming with wild native redband and brown trout that thrive on prolific insect hatches, a unique opportunity for the fly fishing enthusiast! On a rock point overlooking the stream step pools, Gearhart Mt, pine timber, meadows and sage sits the Ranch House; uniquely one of a kind, floor length windows, Southern pine beam ceiling, hickory, granite, historic barn wood, rock fireplace, wrap around deck & 3 car garage. In addition; the Fish Camp log cabin and the bunk house plus 3/2 MF home tucked in the pines by a water fall and 75 acre pasture. Well priced at \$1,760,000.



Insert: cover of May/June 2012 issue.
 Linda Long, Principal Broker/Owner 541-891-5562
 33550 Hwy 97 N Chiloquin, Oregon 97624 541-783-2759

Hand Carved Fly Fishing Screen - \$2000.00



Created by artist William Herrick for Big Sky Carvers, this screen features 3 24" panels and stands about 7' tall. The panels depict a bookcase with fly rods, reels and a creel. The frame is quarter-sawn oak and the panels are likely maple.

Contact Jerry Robillard at 541 783-0932, 425 359-1005 or jerryrobillard@me.com.





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