



NEWSLETTER



The KCFC Holiday Party



Calendar

December 15: Christmas Party

January 16: P.L.A.Y. Outdoors

January 19: Club meeting with KCFC fly tying masters

February 16: Club meeting with Craig Nielson

KCFC Social Chair, Lois Krueger, announces that the annual KCFC Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 15th, at Elmer's, where our monthly meetings are held. The fun begins at 6:00 with Elmer's great carved prime rib au jus, all the side dishes and dessert. Soft drinks, coffee or iced tea will also be provided. The cost is \$20.00 per person, gratuity included, payable to KCFC as you arrive.

As is our Club tradition, we will have a gift exchange that evening. The same rules apply: if you are a man, please bring gift for a man. And ladies, please bring a gift for another lady. We suggest a limit of \$10.00 for these gifts. We will also be taking donations, either cash or gently used fly fishing equipment, for Project Healing Waters, the organization that helps wounded veterans through fly fishing therapy. Please consider sharing some Christmas spirit with our vets!

A special event at the party will be the drawing of the winning ticket for the Scadden Outlaw pontoon boat! You do NOT need to be present to win, but it will be fun to be there to see who does!

This looks like a great evening of Yuletide cheer, and there is always a good turnout. We need to let Elmer's know how many dinners to prepare, so please RSVP as soon as possible! We need a confirmed count by December 8th. You may call Lois with your RSVP at 541-539-1555 or you may email her at lk.timefliesoutfitters@yahoo.com. You may also RSVP to Club Secretary, Peter Calvo, at 541-810-8473 or nogndr@qwestoffice.net.

See you at the party!



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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.”

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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

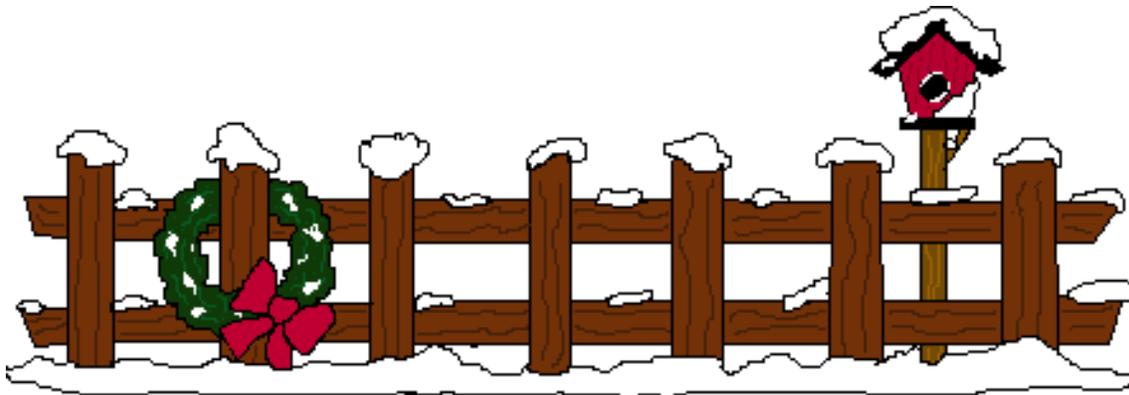
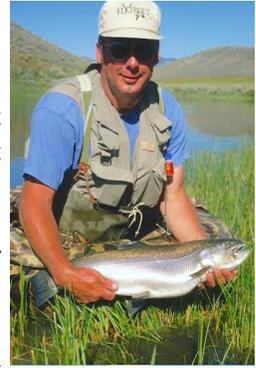
PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Dick Siemens

Several club members fished the Upper Williamson River on the Yamsi Ranch on the last day of the regular season. A persistent strong wind made fishing a little difficult but everyone had fun and most caught fish.

Remember the new fishing regulations take effect January 1 which is not far away. Under the new regulations, all streams except Wood River, Williamson River, Spring Creek, Crystal Creek, Spenser Creek, Crooked Creek, and Fort Creek will be open all year. Streams nearby that will be open year around effective January 1 are the Sprague River and its tributaries including the NF of the Sprague, Fivemile Creek, and the Sycan River. Another fun river to fish in the winter is the Ana River north of Summer Lake. Of course some of you will be pursuing steelhead this time of year.

I hope to see you at our annual Christmas dinner at Elmer's on December 15. There will be door prizes and we will draw for the Scadden Boat at that time. Pease bring a gift valued at about \$10(men bring a gift for a man and women bring a gift for a woman) If you have a gift for a door prize, please bring it too.

Dick



PL.A.Y. OUTDOORS, January 16, 2016

PL.A.Y. (Providing Lifelong Activities for Youth) Outdoors brings community groups to the Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center to entertain children while, at the same time, introducing them to outdoor activities they may never have tried before.

On Saturday, January 16, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, teams of KCFC volunteers will be providing hands-on instruction to the children of the Klamath Basin in both fly tying and fly casting. We have done this for the past several years, and it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding event for members and children alike. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for this upcoming event, please contact Education Chair, John Krueger, at jk@timefliesoutfitters.com or 541 539-1505 and he will be more than happy to add you to the list of volunteers as either a fly tying or fly casting instructor.

Volunteers do not need to be expert fly tiers to help with this community event. Remember, the fly we tie with the children is a very simple one! So join us for a fun day and help a child get interested in fly fishing!

TUI CHUB FOUND AGAIN IN DIAMOND LAKE

Bill Tinniswood has shared the following information:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists discovered one tui chub in a trap net during ongoing fisheries monitoring at Diamond Lake in mid-October. Fisheries professors at Oregon State University confirmed the fish was a tui chub, the first seen in Diamond Lake since the 2006 rotenone treatment that eliminated about 90 million of the invasive minnows.



ODFW believes that once again, tui chub were used illegally as live bait fish or were intentionally reintroduced into the lake.

“This is extremely frustrating when you consider the amount of time and effort put into the restoration of Diamond Lake by so many,” said Greg Huchko, ODFW Umpqua District Fish Biologist. Huchko said the chub was about seven and a half inches long and is likely a six-year-old fish.

ODFW will increase sampling and work with partners, the Umpqua National Forest, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and Douglas County to develop and implement a joint action plan for 2016. The plan would include monitoring for additional tui chub, tracking population changes if detected, and determining management options including possible changes to trout stocking strategies and implementing chub spawning disruption.

“This is a very troubling discovery that the Forest Service is going to work to address adaptively with ODFW and other partners,” said Jason Wilcox, Fisheries Program Manager with the Umpqua National Forest.

ODFW has conducted invasive fish monitoring each year since the rotenone treatment and in 2008, golden shiners – another small bait fish – were discovered in Diamond Lake. ODFW sampled via electrofishing and/or conducted additional netting each year to evaluate golden shiner population numbers. The agency has also removed shiners from the lake, disrupted possible shiner spawning, and checked for tui chub presence. Hundreds of juvenile golden shiners have been sent each year to OSU for positive identification and none were found to be tui chub.

Diamond Lake’s benthic macroinvertebrate population and zooplankton composition have remained healthy and trout condition factors have also indicated the stocked rainbows have an abundant food supply and the fishery has not been negatively impacted by golden shiners or the recently discovered tui chub.

ODFW has also stocked predacious strains of rainbow trout as called for in the 2004 Diamond Lake Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. ODFW, the Umpqua National Forest, Oregon State Marine Board and Douglas County conduct extensive public outreach with Diamond Lake visitors on the perils of aquatic invasive species. This outreach includes education, boat washing stations, boater surveys, and contact with anglers.

In September 2006, ODFW successfully treated Diamond Lake with rotenone, ridding the lake of an estimated 90 million tui chub and restored its water quality and recreational rainbow trout fishery. The nearly \$6 million treatment followed years of effort and collaboration among ODFW, the Umpqua National Forest, Oregon Department of Environmental quality and other agencies in the Diamond Lake Working Group.

INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

SOFT HACKLE BEAD-HEAD EMERGER

The Soft Hackle Emerger is an old pattern that was developed as an alternative to the ubiquitous RS-II. This pattern has produced so well for me during times where baetis are present. I believe that this pattern imitates drowned spinners as they float down rivers or submerge in lakes. The profile of the Soft Hackle Emerger matches that of the natural exactly. Originally I developed this pattern as an emerger imitation; I now believe that it is most often taken as a drowned spinner.



It can be fished as you would a nymph or wet fly, or dead-drifted in the film just as you would a dry to imitate the emerging dun, or a cripple Trout love these flies when they are fished properly, and they always account for a few good fish for me during the times calabaetis are present.

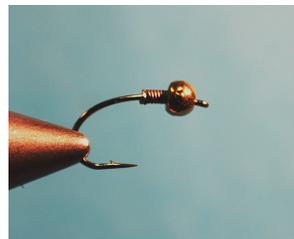
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Materials:

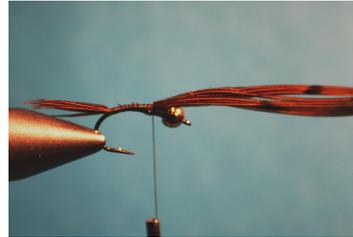
Hook: TMC 2488 Emerger Hook - size: #12 - #18
 Bead: Tungsten gold bead
 Thread: 8/0 or 6/0 in a color to match the body
 Tail: 6 pheasant tail fibers
 Rib: Fine, gold wire
 Abdomen: 6 pheasant tail fibers
 Collar: Hen or partridge hackle in a color to match

Instructions:

Put appropriate sized gold tungsten bead on TMC 2488 hook (size 1/8 - bead on #12 hooks). Wrap about 20 turns of .15 lead-free solder and force into the bead.



Start your thread behind the lead wire tapering your thread so the lead doesn't move on the hook. Now use crossing wraps over the lead wire and finish off by building up thread behind the lead so it can't slide back on the hook. Tie in about six pheasant tail fibers to form a tail about the length of the hook.



Tie in a piece of gold wire so the tip is where the lead wrap ends and tie in the wire to the bend of the hook.



Tie in about eight to ten pheasant tail fibers on the top of the hook with the tips tied in forward toward the eye of the hook. This produces a slightly tapered body.



Wrap the pheasant tail fibers forward in closed wraps to right behind the bead. Secure and trim the excess material.

Wrap the gold wire forward in the opposite direction of the pheasant tail. This is called a counter-wrap and makes the fly more durable. Tie off the wire.



Tie in a one-inch long hen or partridge hackle just behind the bead and strip the far side of the hackle only leaving the near side facing you.



Using your hackle pliers, control the hackle as you wrap it forward two to three turns. Two turns will be about right to get maximum movement of all of the fibers. Tie off the head neatly just behind the bead and whip-finish.



Completed Fly



Top View



MISSING DVDs



KCFC has a great library, located in the wooden cabinet at Elmer's. It is open during every meeting for Club members to peruse the shelves and choose something of interest. No librarian is needed; we go on the Honor System!

It was noted recently that ALL of the Club DVDs are gone and have been gone for some time. KCFC has quite a financial investment in these DVDs, and they are for all to share. Please look around your shelves at home.... If you find a DVD or book that belongs to the Club, please return it soon so that others may enjoy it, too!

Thanks!



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