



OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## Due to Current COVID Levels Club Meetings Will Not Be Held During the Balance of the 2021 Year

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** from Lois Krueger

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and was able to get some fishing traveling and family time in.

The weather is starting to change and while some of us are still out there, others have chosen to stay close to home with concerns of Covid. This is precisely why we are not engaging in in person club meetings.

Which brings me to a topic of interest for a lot of club members. How will KCFC survive? We will! With everyone's support, understanding and patience, we will get through this.

Your board is going to meet this month with some new ideas and plans to keep each and everyone connected. We will also be discussing some upcoming conservation projects that KCFC would like to participate in.

As always....Stay safe & Healthy.



**CALENDAR**

Sept 21, 2021 – Monthly Club Meeting – **Cancelled**

Oct 19, 2021 – Monthly Club Meeting – **Cancelled**

Nov 16, 2021 – Monthly Club Meeting – **Cancelled**

Dec 21, 2021 – Club Christmas Party - **Cancelled**

**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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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](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)



**ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE!**

Following our KCFC bylaws, membership renewals and dues were due as of October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the membership fees were considered **Past Due!**

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 mail it to:

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First voting member:

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# WINTER FISHING TIPS

**As Winter sets in and colder weather joins our fishing activity, there are some things you need to be aware of when out on the water.**

## **Flat-Water Risers**

If you are looking for risers on a nice winter day, concentrate on flat water in pools as well as shallow water that warms quickly.

## **Small Flies**

Cold-weather bugs are almost always small and mostly midges. In late winter and early spring, Baetis and black stoneflies can hatch, but they are also small. Fill your winter box with mostly small subsurface patterns, a few dry flies for those opportunities when they arise, and a few meat-and-potatoes flies such as stonefly nymphs and streamers. Egg patterns are also excellent choices.

## **Slow and Low**

The colder the water, the deeper and slower you should fish your fly. Fish won't move far to take streamers, so try dead-drifting them under an indicator. Break the water into rows and methodically fish each one.

## **Spring Creeks and Tail Waters**

Spring Creeks and Tail Waters Focus on springs, creeks and tail waters, which don't freeze in the winter and have more stable water temperatures.

## **Don't Leave Fish to Find Fish**

Winter fish tend to pod up, so if you catch one, don't move to a better spot. You're probably in it.

## **Ice-Free Guides**

Chap stick, Vaseline, or cooking spray on your guides reduces the amount of ice build-up.

## **Fish Smarter**

Once the guides ice up, use roll and Spey casts to fish as much as possible without stripping in line. With these casts, you can also keep your hands toasty in mittens.

## **Think Springs**

Springs entering a river keep water cool in the summer and ice free in the winter.



## STAYING WARM

***Don't go into the water if you don't have to.***

**Bring a spare** set of clothes and keep them in your vehicle for emergencies. Carry a waterproof case of strike-anywhere matches in case you need to build a fire.

**Boot-foot waders are warmer** than stocking foots because they are generally less constricting and allow more circulation. Regardless of boot type, make sure there's room in your boots and your feet aren't constricted. Wool and most other materials provide insulation by trapping warm air in the spaces and in the fibers. If your wading boots are too tight, even good socks can't perform their function.



**Breathable waders** are fine in winter-if you layer properly. Start with a thin, tight base layer that wicks moisture and keeps your skin dry and then add one or two layers of fleece pants - depending on the air and water temperature. Your waders should keep your lower body warm under all but the most severe conditions. Wear thin sock liners and good socks.

**A warm fleece** or wool hat, or a balaclava, under the hood of your wading jacket can keep you warm on cold days. An exposed head loses body heat quickly. If you get warm in the afternoon, your hat may be the only layer you need to remove.

**Warm packs** designed for boots and gloves provide a quick source of heat (Grabber Mycoal is one popular brand).

**Bring two or three pairs** of wool, fleece, or neoprene fingerless gloves on cold winter days. Leave an extra pair of mittens in the car just in case. An extra pair of dry gloves in your vest can keep you fishing after everyone else goes home. Stuff some inexpensive liner gloves into your vest or pack. They don't take up space, but you'll appreciate the spare set if you get your main gloves wet or leave them at home.

**Blood flow to your feet** and hands decreases when your core body temperature decreases. Keep your extremities warm by properly layering your torso and legs to keep your core body temperature warm.

**Sole Savvy** - Felt soles collect snow and become cumbersome and dangerous. Sticky rubber with studs are best.

**Eat lots of protein**, carbohydrates, and fats. You need to keep the fires stoked to stay warm. Bring along a thermos of your favorite hot beverage. Prime it by pouring boiling water into it and letting that sit for 10 minutes or so before dumping it out and putting in your drink.

**Save the alcohol** until you 're inside. We feel cold when blood flows from our skin into the organs to keep our core temperature warm. After drinking alcohol, blood flows to the skin (making us feel warm and our faces flush), which makes our core body temperature decrease rapidly.

*Photos: Dale Zemke on the "A stretch" of the Green River, Flaming Gorge, Dutch John UT.*

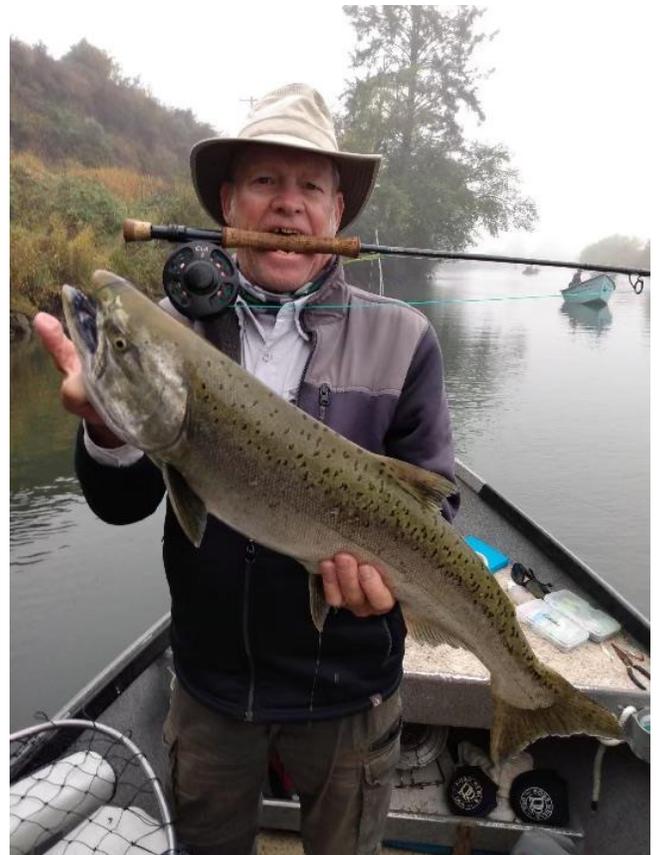




Mike Williams and his Daughter Kathy had a nice trip on the Fall River as these photos attest to:



Ray McClenathan's recent trip to the Nesstucca River in Northwest Oregon



## Hooked on Fish by Dale B Zemke



# Fish & Chips Recipe

A delicious and authentic Fish & Chips recipe. A favorite in the Pacific Northwest, our recipe for fish and chips isn't your typical pub in England fare, but a rendition that is true to Portland, OR and the Pacific NW.

Prep Time – 15 minutes      Cook Time – 10 minutes

### EQUIPMENT

Deep Fryer or Frying Pan

### INGREDIENTS

Bottle of Vegetable Oil for frying  
 1/3 cup Flour  
 Large Eggs  
 1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder  
 1/2 teaspoon Salt  
 1/2 cup Beer or Milk  
 1 sprinkle Salt & Pepper  
 1 pound Lingcod Fillets  
 3 Potatoes cut into wedges

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oil in a medium sized pot over medium high heat.
2. Whisk together flour, eggs, baking powder, and salt in one medium sized bowl until smooth.
3. Next slowly add in beer or milk and continue whisking until batter is combined.
4. Salt and pepper fish then dip each piece into batter coating evenly.
5. Fry fish in oil until golden brown and crispy.
6. Next fry potatoes until golden brown.
7. Salt and pepper to taste and serve

Virtually every beer-battered fish recipe looks crispy coming out of the fryer, and some even stay crispy for a few minutes, but then the inevitable sogginess sets in. Well, with this simple formula, and a few easy tricks, you can achieve a fried fish where the last bite is as crisp as the first. The keys are keeping your batter really cold and patting your fish really dry. Serve over a bed of salt 'n vinegar chips with tartar sauce and lemon.



## INDISPENSABLE FLIES by Ralph Carestia

### Diamond Dub Scud



Scud patterns are one of those unique patterns that anglers will find in both lakes, slow moving rivers and spring creeks. While other fish may eat them occasionally, I spend most of the time targeting trout with Scuds (especially if hatches are slow).

The **Diamond Dub Scud** has quite a bit going for it. The tungsten bead and John Rohmer Materials will soak up the water and help you reach the lower portions of the water column. These patterns are a bit darker with flash, so if you're fishing stained water, they're going to work great. Scuds get displaced when the water rises, and the feeding frenzy begins! Don't ever fish a scud bite without using one of these flies. The Diamond Dub Scud is an extremely realistic looking pattern that is going to work very well throughout your fly-fishing career.

I have been working on my Diamond Dub Pattern for a while now. I have had the pattern almost ironed out for over a year now, but I have been searching for a dubbing that really compliments the fly. I had been resorting to blending dubbings together, but the flies were still missing something. I tied several with the diamond dub and went out to test them. The fish loved them, so I tried some in various other colors as well. The 4 colors that have treated me the best are Golden Olive, Hare's Ear, Callibaetis, Lt Olive. All of them are tied the same, except I change the color of the dubbing, tail, bead, and Swiss straw.

When you're throwing scud flies, you need to fish them like you would a nymph. Any sort of nymphing technique is going to work when fishing with these flies. When fish are feeding on scud flies, they aren't always very picky. As a result, you can learn the drifts of the river and see what types of presentation the fish enjoy.

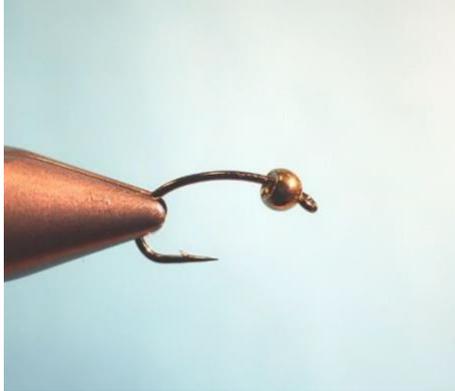
#### Materials Needed:

<b>Hook:</b>	<b>TMC 2487 or 2457 #12-20</b>
<b>Bead:</b>	<b>Tungsten (size to hook)</b>
<b>Weight:</b>	<b>.015 lead wire</b>
<b>Thread:</b>	<b>70 Denier - Olive dun</b>
<b>Tail:</b>	<b>Pine Squirrel (match color)</b>
<b>Ribbing:</b>	<b>UTC BR Gold wire</b>
<b>Shellback:</b>	<b>Swiss Straw (match color)</b>
<b>Body:</b>	<b>Arizona Diamond Dub – Golden Olive, Hare's Ear, Callibaetis, Lt Olive</b>
<b>Resin:</b>	<b>Solarez bone dry UV Resin</b>



**Instructions:**

1. Select an appropriate size gold tungsten bead and place on a TMC 2457 hook (size 1/8 bead on #12 hook). Wrap 10-15 turns of .015 lead-free wire around the shank behind the bead. Break off the ends and shove the lead into the back of the bead to center it and hold it in place.



2. Start your thread behind the lead-free wire tapering your thread so the lead free wire doesn't move on the hook. Wrap the base back past the bend of the hook.



3. 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 a small bunch of pine squirrel fibers from Upper section of a Pine Squirrel skin with the guard hairs in to form a tail about the length of the hook.



4. 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 the wire in on the underside of the hook.



5. Cut a Strip of the Swiss straw about ½ the hook gape. Wrap forward and back over the Swiss Straw to the bend of the hook, taking care to keep the Straw on top of the shank.



6. Twist a good amount of Arizona Diamond Dub dubbing onto the thread and then wrap the dubbing forward to the eye just behind the bead. \* Note: use more dubbing than you normally would for other patterns as the dubbing will be pulled down to represent legs later and will present a meatier meal.



- Brush and clip the Arizona Diamond Dub dubbing on top of the fly. Pull the Swiss Straw forward over the body, letting it flatten out a bit as you do. Tie the Swiss Straw down behind the bead with a couple firm wraps of thread.



- Spiral wrap the wire forward over the Swiss Straw to the hook eye with about 5-6 evenly spaced turns. Using a twisting motion while placing tension on your thread will break the wire free without leaving a tag end.



- Now pull firmly on the tag end of the Swiss straw at the eye of the hook and clip with scissors just behind the bead. The remaining Swill straw should disappear under your thread. Now build up a head and whip finish.



Top view



Bottom View



Completed Scud



# OregonTECH FOUNDATION

September 27, 2021

Dear Mr. Krueger and Klamath Country Fly Casters,

We couldn't have done it without your support. Your scholarship represents more than financial assistance to students at Oregon Tech. With so much impacting lives these past 18 months, your scholarship represents hope in a future beyond making it through today. It provides encouragement for students to persevere and confidence that they will make it through. On graduation day, their smiles will be beaming with pride in what they accomplished, the degree they earned, and knowing their future will be forever different because of your belief in them.

I would like to extend our genuine thanks for your support and your commitment to creating student success stories. Oregon Tech is the institution it is today, in part, because of you. I hope you enjoy learning about your scholarship recipient(s) for the upcoming year in the enclosed student profile(s).

The 2021-2022 recipient(s) of the **Klamath Country Fly Casters Scholarship**:

Name	Major
Cindy Young	Environmental Sciences '21

We are pleased to inform you that our Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held October 16, 2021 at noon at the College Union. The banquet has changed to a luncheon this year to provide maximum flexibility for event planning to allow for adherence to COVID restrictions that may be in place at that time. With the health and safety of our donors, students, and staff in mind, we will also be offering a livestream of a portion of the event to be enjoyed virtually at a distance. I hope that you will join us, in person or virtually, on Saturday, October 16th for a great event! Visit [www.oit.edu/Scholarship2021](http://www.oit.edu/Scholarship2021) for more information.

We're going green! Beginning next year student profiles will be exclusively available online. We want to ensure we have your current primary email address in our database so that you can continue to receive communication regarding your scholarship and student profiles. The email address we currently have on file for you is: [jk@timefliesoutfitters.com](mailto:jk@timefliesoutfitters.com). Please take a moment to review this information, and if any corrections need to be made, contact me at the email or phone number below.

I value your thoughts about our program, if you have any questions about your scholarship or suggestions about how we can improve the Oregon Tech Foundation scholarship program, please contact me at (541) 885-0222 or [katie.cavendish@oit.edu](mailto:katie.cavendish@oit.edu).

With much appreciation,

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Katie Cavendish  
Donor Relations and Stewardship Manager, Oregon Tech Foundation

## Klamath Country Flycasters Scholarship

21-22 Scholarship Recipient

Cindy Young  
Environmental Science  
Class of 2022



### *A little bit about me:*

I am a single forty-nine-year-old mother of 4 and grandmother of 7. I like to help any chance I can get by taking a few, if not all, of the grandchildren so that my daughter can work, and I can spend time spoiling them. Jesus is the most important part of my life. I attribute so much to Him walking me through the storms of life. By that, I mean poverty, neglect, abuse, hunger, homelessness, single parenthood, illness, loneliness, depression, anxiety, bipolar, despair, and depravity. There is no way I could have gotten here without Him. Attending college has been a lifelong dream of mine since I was a child. I moved so much as a child that I have trouble remembering much about the schools I attended. I quit high school when I was fifteen years old to help my single mother with my siblings so that she could work. When she was home, I worked at the local cannery. I worked there until the government decided that a person needed to be sixteen to work around machinery. I received my GED when I turned sixteen so that I could get a job working in a restaurant. From then on, I became a caregiver. I had my first child when I was seventeen. I have spent most of my life working as a caregiver for individuals with developmental disabilities. I know what it is like to spend most of my time at work to earn barely enough to scrape by. This has encouraged me to attend college so that I can bring my life skills into a career I love. I also want my children and grandchildren to know that they can do anything if they work hard and complete their goals. I want to break off the generational curses that have kept my family down.

### *Thank you so much for your support!*

*I want to thank you for helping me financially to get me through college. I have always struggled financially, so this money is such a blessing. It has taken me longer to get through college due to my disabilities. I have burned through all of my grants because of the amount of time it takes for me to get through my classes. I tried to take on more classes, but it was a struggle to keep up. I had to make the decision to continue to take on only what I can absorb to do well in my classes. Without donors that are passionate about the future, my experiences as a student would be difficult, and I would have to make decisions based on the amount of money I had available to me. I am truly grateful that there are people that care to put their money out there to build lives, careers, and communities. Donors are truly passionate people and not just the man behind the curtain. I thank God for people like you.*



### ***Why I chose Oregon Tech:***

I chose Oregon Tech because I was already living in Klamath Falls, and it made sense to stay where I could still be around my family and friends. I started my education at Klamath Community College, so it was easy to transition to Oregon Tech. They not only offered my field of study, but they had smaller classes where I could get more attention if I needed it. I enjoy being part of the TOP Program, where I can get help if I need it and have someone to talk to when I am struggling. The staff has made me feel very welcome and important. Their guidance when I was ill this last spring was so important. My professors were very patient and helped by allowing more time when I was struggling so that I could pass my classes. I am truly grateful!

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### ***Something unique about me:***

I have many facets because I was never one to quit. I like to learn, so I always challenge myself to do things that are unconventional for a lot of women. I maintain my own vehicles, and if I don't know how to do something, I will learn how on my own. I am a very good cook and baker. I enjoy making dishes that can be shared and have learned to cook authentically from many different cultures. I have always been passionate about creating ergonomically designed spaces that are beautiful to the eye. I have done flooring, sheetrock, tape and texture, painting, window installation, siding, structural design, and implementation. I have designed kitchens and built cabinets and other furniture. My kids called me the Tetris master because I have the ability to look at a space and know how much can fit and where it should all go. I love art, including painting, diamond art, drawing, gardening, and designing. I am never bored. There is just so much to be done.

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### ***My favorite professor at Oregon Tech:***

This is going to be a difficult question for me. I really have enjoyed all my professors. Each one seems so very passionate about what they teach. If I had to pick just one professor, it would have to be Yuehai Yang. He just made things so interactive and fun. I enjoyed his ability to capture his audience with physics. Interaction in this class was also so great, even though we had to mask up and social distance. It was just nice to be able to talk to actual people.

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### ***Receiving this scholarship means:***

Receiving this scholarship means that I can continue with my education. I am one step closer to completing my education goal. It means that I can continue to amaze myself with the content of these fine classes and the experience of my field of study. I am so very grateful. This gift is just so much more than I had expected. Thank you!





Fly Fishers International has opened registration for the inaugural FFI Virtual Expo taking place from November 5-7, with some classes starting as early as Sept 6.

Fly fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport during this one-of-a-kind event focused on education and fun.

**The Virtual Expo can be enjoyed right from home and will feature:**

- Over 150 interactive, hands-on workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more with experts like April Vokey and conservation partner, Trout Unlimited.
- Offerings for every skill level and all things fly fishing.
- Break-out rooms, social gatherings, and entertaining activities.
- A fly fishing film competition open to anyone with a camera, a love of fly fishing, and a great story to tell.

**REGISTER NOW at [flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities](https://flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities)**

