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**If it is November, then it must be time for SOFF's annual fund raising auction. This year's auction is filled with great items for all the lucky bidders.**



**Not only do the auction participants get a chance to bid on some great items in the silent and oral auctions, but have the opportunity to win some super items in the cup raffle. Add all of that to a great prime rib dinner and one might ask if it gets any better than that!**

**Dinner Reservations: E-mail - [info@soff.org](mailto:info@soff.org)  
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## SPECIAL MENTION

**Rich Hosley:**

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# FROM THE BOARD



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Dave Grosjacques

### The SOFF: Get Involved and Make a Difference

I have written more than 70 columns for this newsletter as SOFF president. This may be the most important one of all. It concerns leadership and involvement. The Board of Directors

will have three and possibly four vacancies for 2018. I am leading an effort to recruit club members to these important positions on the board. In my 10 years on the board I have seen members who have joined our group after serving as one of the club chairs. I have also seen members come onto the board directly from the general membership, with no previous experience as a chair or a member of a committee. In both cases, these leaders have served well and done their best to help with the monthly decisions the board must make in the club's best interests.

My own history in this great club

goes back to 2003. I joined when Jim Tehan was president. Jim led the club in 2003 and 2004, followed by Jay Prouty in 2005-6 and Teresa Kaska in 2007-8. I joined the board in 2006, and became vice president in 2008. In the board meetings I attended in those years I saw members who were willing to step up and get involved in the club leadership. Board members like Rich Hosley, Redge Heth, John Iding and Gary Schontz showed all of us how to make a positive difference for the club. When it came time to choose a president for 2009, I was a likely candidate but was a bit apprehensive about taking over that role. Did I know enough about the club and how it should be run? Was I an experienced



**This is the 2017 edition of the SOFF's board of directors; unfortunately, three of that number are leaving the board. We need new blood, we need you now. Contact President Dave and volunteer to serve on 2018 board.**

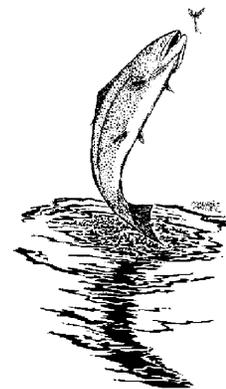
enough fly fisherman to talk about our sport to club members and guests without embarrassing myself? These doubts were taken care of during a conversation with Teresa, the out-going president. Simply put, she told me that I could do it and most likely would be good at it. That is all it took.

Most years we have welcomed one or two new board members. Some years we would go with the same board as the previous year. Never have I seen a time when we had to replace three or four in one year. So it is going to be a bit more of a recruiting job for 2018. The board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the conference room at Taprock Restaurant. Our meetings usually last about 1 ½ hours and some board members have dinner before or during the meeting. For me it is always a good

time, sharing some of the latest fishing stories with friends before the meeting.

The board election process starts with a slate of candidates that the board recommends to the membership at the November meeting. I know that is the auction meeting, but we must do it so that the membership has a month to think about it before the actual vote at the December general meeting. After the election, the new board is seated at the January board meeting.

So here is my recruiting pitch: Get involved and make a difference! You can do it and you would be good at it! If you are thinking about stepping up but have questions, please call me or send me an email. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Let's work together to make 2018 another great year for the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.



### ATTENTION!

#### Board Meeting

**The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Tap Rock Restaurant**

**The next meeting is scheduled:**

**Nov 7th at 6:00pm or**

**the first Tuesday of the month**

**All members welcome**

# PROGRAMS

## Future Programs

Dec 19	Mark Bachmann
Jan 16	Steve Day
Feb 20	Marlon Rumpy
Mar 20	TBA
Apr 17	Fly Tyers Meeting
May 15	TBA
Jun 19	TBA
Jul 17	No Meeting

## WHEN:

Nov. 11, 2017



## TIMES:

4:00 PM  
 Social Hour and  
 Silent Auction  
 6:00 PM  
 Meeting  
 6:30 PM  
 Dinner and Auction  
 Annual Club Auction

## WHERE:

Wild River Pub  
 533 NE F St. G.P.



The collective group of eager bidders are awaiting dinner, but in the meantime are busy checking the bid sheets looking for the perfect item to bid on.



The silent auction packed to the rafters as prospective bidders take the opportunity to walk around the tables looking for a treasure or two to bid on.



If after seeing all that was offered in both the oral and silent auction and nothing quite met your fancy, then check out what is being offered in the cup raffle and then stuff the cups for the items that you want.



# CASTING ABOUT

## 2017 SOFF AUCTION - GET YOUR GANG TOGETHER AND BID

At the October meeting, we announced several items that will be in our auction on Saturday, November 11th so that you can get your fishing buddy or group together and be ready to bid. Several of you have asked that I send out the list, so here it is in no particular order:

Grants Pass Golf Club: Golf with cart for 4 golfers.

Centennial Golf Club: Round of 18 for 4 golfers.

Schmidt family vineyards: Barrel testing and appetizers for 8.

Lonesome Duck and Marlon Rampy: 2 anglers, 2 night stay at Lonesome Duck and 2 days guided fishing

Taprock dinner and wine for 6

John Krefit: 2 anglers hosted walk and wade on Metolius with best flies, too.

Sugar Creek Ranch: 2 anglers. Includes lodging overnight at Sugar Creek Ranch and one day's fishing on the Ranch, known for big Bows, about 1 and 1/2 hours from Medford. (The Fly Shop)

Briggs Lower Rogue Canyon trip: 2 anglers, 4 days, and 3 nights on lower Rogue.

Two nights lodging at Face Rock in Bandon.

Four night stay for 2 in condo at Mt Bachelor Village.

One cord of wood, dry, and delivered by Andy Sandeen.

24,000 pound hydraulic shop press, floor H frame for long pieces.(Or-Cal Supply)

### GUIDED TRIPS: 2 ANGLERS, ONE DAY

Marlon Rampy: Williamson River

Alex Rachowicz: Rogue River

Josh White: Rogue River

Teresa Kasza: Rogue River

### HOSTED TRIPS BY OUR CLUB MEMBERS:

Tom and Dave's salmon fishing on the Elk or Sixes for one angler. Lodging, lunch, & gear.

Dave Haight: 2 anglers, one day on the Rogue River, includes lunch

Dick Butler: 2 anglers one day on the Rogue River

Chuck Huntington: 2 anglers one day on the Rogue River

This is a preliminary list and there will be more items to come before the auction – so stay tuned for new releases.

Just a reminder that the doors open at 4:00 PM and the bidding starts at that time for the silent auction items as well as for the items in the bucket raffle. Also your bidding paddle, obtained as you enter the room, is good not only for the oral auctions, but for the silent auction and the bucket raffles. Just remember this, short of cash not to worry as plastic is readily accepted!

# OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

## November Outing - Catch Your First Tiger Trout

**F**ish Lake is one of the more scenic lakes in the Southern Oregon Cascades, situated in an old-growth forest between Mount McLaughlin and Brown Mountain. It is extremely productive, and is capable of producing some really nice trout. Unfortunately, illegally introduced Tui chub have become very abundant, and are competing



A chance at a Tiger Trout awaits the lucky angler on the November Outing.

with the rainbow and brook trout in the lake for food, severely impacting the quality of the fishery. In an attempt to bolster the fishery, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has been stocking tiger trout and Chinook salmon in the lake for the last several years. It is hoped that the tiger trout and Chinook salmon will take advantage of the Tui chub as an abundant food source, and create a high-quality fishery.

Tiger Trout are a cross between brook and brown trout, tend to be pretty aggressive, and can grow quite large. They have created popular fisheries in

the places they have been stocked. Prior to being stocked into Fish Lake and two other lakes in Oregon, local anglers would travel to Nevada for the chance to catch one of these unique fish.

If you would like to try to catch a tiger trout, join the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers for an outing to Fish Lake on Saturday, November 4. We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service boat ramp

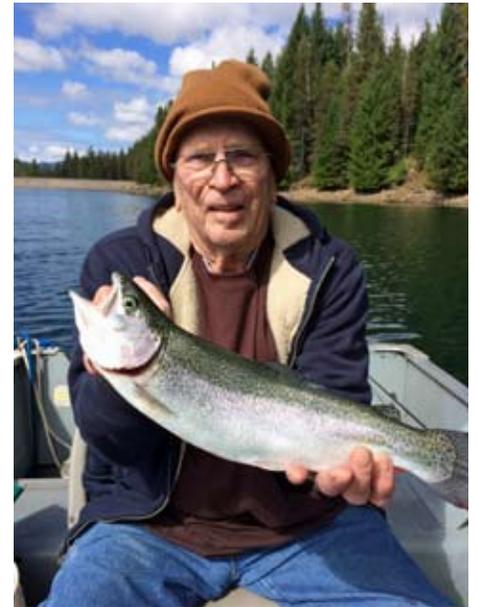
at 9:00 AM. While you can effectively fish from the bank, having some sort of boat will increase your chances of success. Since one the best areas to fish in the lake is near the ramp, anything from a float tube (as long as it is not too windy) to a motor boat will work. Bring a 5 or 6-weight rod, a floating and a slow-sinking line, leaders tapered to 4 or 5X, and an assortment your favorite still-water patterns. Since big tiger trout are predators, be sure to include some woolly buggers and streamers in your box. Since Fish Lake sits atop the Cascades, remember to pack warm clothes and raingear. It is also a designated Sno Park after October 31, so you will need a Sno Park permit for your vehicle.

In addition to the opportunity to catch a new variety of trout and enjoying spending time on the water with your fellow club members, by participating in this outing you can help the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife evaluate the new fisheries. Since the tiger trout must be released, it is difficult for ODFW to collect information

about them. We will compile information about the fish we catch and provide it to the Department.

**David Haight, Outings Chair**

### Photo Potpourri



Long time member, Jim Tehan, with a nice rainbow he took at Lemolo Lake.



Kevin Reiten holds a couple of small mouth bass he took on a recent outing to Howard Prairie Lake.

### 2017 Outings

Nov 4	Fish Lake Tiger Trout
Jan 1	Holy Water Chili
Jan 20	Feed
Feb 17	TBA
Mar 24	TBA
Apr 21	TBA
May 19	TBA



# FLY TYING CORNER

## Dave's Real Skunk



- Hook:** Daiichi 1560, Mustad 3906B, Tiemco 3761, Size 10 - 14.
- Thread:** Black 8/0.
- Bead Head:** 1/8" Black Bead.
- Weight:** 8 Wraps of .015 Lead Wire.
- Tail:** Black Guard Hairs from Skunk Skin.
- Rib:** Fine Copper Wire.
- Body:** Black Fur (Guard Hairs and Undercoat) from Skunk Skin Dubbed.
- Hackle:** Black CDC (Optional).
- Collar:** Black Ostrich Herl.

### Tying Instructions:

Smash hook barb and put bead on hook. Wrap 8 wraps of lead on hook and slide into the bead. Cover the lead with wraps of thread and wrap back to the bend of the hook.

Cut a clump of black fur off the skunk skin ( about the size of a wood pencil), cutting as close to the skin as possible, and remove the undercoat from the guard hairs. (Save the undercoat for dubbing the body.)

Stack the guard hairs and tie in for the tail. The length of the tail should be equal to the length of the shank of the hook.

Add the trimmed (waste) guard hairs from the tail to the undercoat for dubbing the body.

Tie in the wire rib on the bottom of the hook.

Dub the undercoat (and trimmings from tail) for the body from the tail toward the beadhead, leaving room for the hackle and collar. Counterwrap the rib and tie off.

If used, wrap the CDC hackle 1 - 1 1/2 turns.

Wrap the ostrich herl collar (1 - 2 strands) 2 - 3 wraps and tie off.

Whip finish, tying off on the bottom of the hook.

Apply a small dab of head cement on the bottom of the hook at the bead.

Fly Tied By: Dave Hamilton

John Storfold

Fly Tying Chair

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## Membership Form

- Regular.....\$35.00
- Family.....\$45.00
- Youth.....\$10.00
- Contributing.....\$50.00
- Lifetime (Individual).....\$350.00
- Lifetime (Couple).....\$450.00

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ New: \_\_\_\_\_



# CHANGING LINES

## COMING EVENTS

- 11-4 Club Outing - Fish Lake For Tiger Trout
- 11-7 Board Meeting
- 11-14 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
- 11-11 Annual Club Auction
- 12-5 Board Meeting
- 12-12 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
- 12-19 Club Meeting with Mark Bachmann.
- 1-1 Club Outing - Holy Water Chili Feed.
- 1-2 Board Meeting.
- 1-16 Club Meeting.

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which means that each meal cost the club \$24.15 of which \$4.15 of each meal was subsidized by the club; this means that in addition to what the club subsidized, we still paid an extra \$217.35 for all of those 9 no shows.

I realize that no one can guarantee their appearance at any dinner meeting as sickness or something else may come up to prevent someone from attending. Yet when you consider the additional costs the club pays for the no shows, something



**Bill Childress proudly displays a nice Williamson rainbow he took while on a guided trip with Teresa Kasza. Childress was the high bidder for Kasza's trip at last year's auction.**

needs to be done to lessen the cost to the club. I'm sure you'd agree that this extra money would be well spent say on programs, education and conservation issues to name just a few. I would hate to see it come to a point to where no shows would be charged for the missed dinners. After all we're a social fly fishing club and not some sort of totalitarian organization that is so tightly structured that doesn't allow for the unexpected. Still something has to be done. So let's say that if you make a reservation and can't attend, you email or call me and I'll see what I can do cancel the reservation with the restaurant. I think this would be a win-win for all involved and would be one less thing that I would have to worry about and the Good Lord knows I have plenty of worry on my plate already.

If you have read President Dave's column, you'll note that the new Board of Directors for 2018 will be short at least three positions and maybe a fourth. Some of those going off the board have served a long stretch and need a little time off or health problems force them to withdraw. So whatever the reason, the board will be so short of members that votes could be negated by a lack of a quorum as specified in the club's by-laws.

Now is the time to step up and volunteer to serve on the board! Duties

are few with the most pressing being to attend the monthly board meetings. If you're interested or even a little interested talk to President Dave or the Editor or for that matter any board member and we will only twist your arm a little or for that matter ply you with adult beverages that in a moment of weakness you'll agree to serve.



**You never know what you'll be bidding on - here Tom Morris sits in a pram that he won at a previous auction. He came for dinner and took home a boat.**

Can you believe that the Club's annual auction is in a little less than two weeks away? Auction chairperson Sonja Nisson and her committee have done a yeoman's job in collecting items for not only the oral auction, but also for the silent auction and the cup raffle. There should be something there for everyone all you need is a bidder's paddle and you're good to go. Remember that the bidders paddle is not only good for auctions, but you can charge your tickets for the club raffle using your bidder's paddle. A little short on cash not an issue, as plastic works just as well.

Finally, bear in mind that all monies raised goes to fund the club for the next fiscal year. Programs, education and conservation issues will be the beneficiary of your largess. So dig deep and bid often and make this auction one of the most successful ever.





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## Editor's Notebook

Color me a worry-wart and maybe a little on the anal-retentive side when it comes to the monthly dinner meetings. I worry about the number of people that will be attending for dinner and I worry that the meal itself will be satisfactory to all members attending. Next I worry that there will be enough food to feed all those having dinner. It's just worry, worry, and more worry, but I will say that all that concern has paid off as there have been very few times over the last 12 years that I have been the dinner coordinator (amongst my many other titles) have I had a 'dud' dinner.

I think back and remember some of the fiascos that have taken place. I suppose the one that stands out in my mind when early on after we had returned to the Event Center someone forgot to schedule us and someone else was booked in our place and

we had the briefest meeting ever in the parking lot of the Event Center. Fortunately our guest speaker Phil Rowley, took it all with a grain of salt and re-booked himself for a later date.

There were a few times, that for whatever reason, there was not enough food prepared so those at the end of the line found the main course was gone. I will say this that whenever this had occurred, particularly at Tap Rock, those at the end of the line were given a special meal so everyone ate. There were also the times that we had so many walk ups that to insure there would be enough food for all, the Board Members gave up their dinners so that everyone ate.

So you ask what is all this leading up to? Well a little past history, before we established the reservation system the meal guarantee was made by the board. They would evaluate the speaker, than give a guarantee based on what

they thought that the attendance would be. I guess that the system worked ok until an over estimation was made and the club was on the hook for some 25 more meals than were sold. Shortly after that we went on the reservation system and it has worked well ever since.

Now fast forward to this last month. We had a big name speaker, Jason Berger, which prompted a large response for dinner reservations. In fact we had probably 20 more than we do most months, but in this lies the problem. It seems that out of a 70 reservation guarantee, we had 61 pay for dinner. As we get charged for every dinner that we guarantee that meant that we paid for nine extra dinners.

Since our move to 'The Pub', the board has elected to subsidize a portion of each meal at least to the beginning of 2018. At our last dinner the cost for each meal was \$21 plus 15% gratuity

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