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SOFFers anxiously await each year for the end of May or early June when the salmon fly hatch occurs. Not only do fly fishers await the hatch, but trout also line up for the bonanza.



Joel LaFollette Photo

A salmon fly that has crept out of the water and climbed a blade of grass waiting for the right opportunity to mate and deposit its eggs. When they fly they swarm in such large numbers that imitations are often lost in the melee caused by the real thing. This is trout candy at its finest and provides an opportunity for the fly fisher to hook some really fine trout.

**Dinner Reservations: E-mail - info@soff.org
or call the Club at (541) 955-4718**

SPECIAL MENTION

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FROM THE BOARD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Dave Grosjacques

This month with the summer season upon us, President Dave reprises an article he previously wrote regarding packing for that big fly fishing trip.

The Editor

Packing for a trip: Organized or Confused?

I have packed for overnight fishing and camping trips since I was twelve. Some of these packing jobs were good and some were not. When I was young it was a lot easier. I just packed my trusty non-fly rod and some clothes. Everything else was magically taken care of by my parents. I soon found out that packing for an overnight fishing trip wasn't as easy when I was on my own. I have gotten deep into the Southern Oregon National Forests for a multi-day trip and discovered that I had no silverware of any kind. Another time it was matches. A forty-five minute drive to the nearest store made those mistakes unforgettable.

Packing for such trips is a severe test of mind and body. The payoff is that you will end up at a favorite river or lake and have a good time no matter what the fish count. I have packed too much gear and at other times not enough. I went to Lava Lake for our outing six years ago with my pontoon boat frame, oars and rope. I left the

pontoons themselves folded up in my shop. The pontoon boat works so much better if you bring the pontoons along!

I know several SOFF members who have packed and gone on multi-day fishing trips this spring and summer. I try to imagine how they pack for these great trips. Please, if you have any tips or advice on packing in an efficient and organized manner, let me know. My packing plan will improve. Does anyone use a big, brightly colored, laminated master list? I admire those who have mastered the task of packing for a fly fishing trip. I know of some who use the laminated list and multiple bins with category labels. These people have it dialed in. Packing is easy and enjoyable. This level is what we want to achieve as fish packers. The following are some variations of the fly fishing trip packing types with variable ranges of success:

The Organized Pack – The person who has mastered this has it figured out. Packing is simple and effective. Rarely is an essential item left at home. The previously mentioned laminated list and labeled bins are a must. This is our goal.

The Hurry Pack – This method is fast and efficient. Time is short. Categories are quickly covered and not rechecked, organization is pretty much non-existent. There is certainly an unacceptable stress level that comes with this one and usually only two or three essential items are forgotten. If you have an RV, open the door and throw stuff in. You can sort it later.

The Take Everything Pack – This method takes weeks of planning and work. The basic theory is that if you take pretty much all of your camping and fly fishing gear it is almost impossible to forget anything important. The hours needed rival a forty-hour work week, with overtime. The list itself is five pages. I know we have SOFF members who have purchased RVs because they believe in this one. They just put everything in the RV. No need to pack.

I know some who have started running a bit short on space, so they traded for a bigger RV.

The Company Pack – This method is necessary when you have company for several days up to and including the day you leave for your fly fishing trip. When you finally arrive at camp you can blame your forgetfulness on the fact that grandchildren were involved. If they are under the age of twelve you are guaranteed to forget multiple items. Avoid the situation by packing for your trip a week ahead of time. No worries, it's done, it's all in a pile in a closet or in the RV.

The Food and Drink Pack – This advanced method is a popular one with members of our great club. It is enjoyable but can be costly at the supermarket and when you weigh yourself when you get home. Setting up the bar and coolers and getting the food prepped ahead of time for gourmet meals is the goal here. Who cares if the fishing isn't fantastic? The menu is. Just don't step on the scales for one month.

There are other methods, some good and some not so good. The big thing is to get out there and go fishing. A good rod, reel and line combination and some favorite flies will complete the packing task. Four-weight or five-weight?..... Floater or intermediate sink?..... Adams, Humpy or Bucktail

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ATTENTION!

Board Meeting

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

The next meeting is scheduled:

June 5th at 6:00pm or the first Tuesday of the month

All members welcome

PROGRAMS

Future Programs

Jul 17	No Meeting
Aug 21	No Meeting
Sep 18	TBA
Oct 16	TBA
Nov 10	Annual Auction
Dec 18	TBA
Jan 15	TBA
Feb 19	TBA

WHEN:

June 19, 2018



TIMES:

5:30 PM

Social Hour and
Fly Tying Demo.

6:30 PM

Meeting

7:00 PM

Dinner and Program

WHERE:

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



Littleleaf Guides

President's Message Cont. From Pg. 2

Caddis?..... Just take them all. Leave everything in the RV.

SOFF Selects Annual Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers award two \$1500 scholarships to outstanding students in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University. We have done this since the early days of our club to help promote those individuals that we feel will go into careers that will help insure the future health of the fisheries resources that are so important to us. The recipients are selected based on their scholastic achievements, work and volunteer experience in the field, involvement on campus and in the community, career goals, and financial need. For the 2018 - 2019 academic year, the club selected Tyler Johnson and Andrew Chione.

Tyler Johnson is a senior, and was a recipient of our scholarship last year. He grew up in Idaho, where he developed an interest in fisheries while camping and fishing with his family. He has gained experience in the field of fisheries sciences while working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and since moving to Oregon, has worked for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, full time, for the last five-plus years, while going

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Littleleaf guides are the first indigenous outfitter in the U.S. A fly/spey/ gear fishing guide service that operates on the west bank of the lower Deschutes River. This area is the Warm Springs Indian reservation, which makes the west bank private access only.

Littleleaf guides are environmentally involved, and do our best to create awareness as concerned tribal members and outfitters. It is our duty to stand and fight for clean water, our natural resources for our future generations to come.

We are firm believers in giving back and not just being takers as indigenous peoples.

Without clean water there is no life!

CASTING ABOUT

Rest in Peace



Sadly, I must report the passing of one of the greatest promoters of fly tying, Norm Norlander. Norm passed quietly in his sleep Sunday night, May 13th, 2018 at his home in Kelso Washington after a short battle with cancer.

I first met Norm some 25 years or more ago at the Southwest Council of the Federation's annual conclave held in Los Angeles where he was demonstrating his fly tying vice and clutch bobbin. Anyone who ever has watch him race through the process of tying a fly on his innovative vice couldn't help but be impressed. After several years of watching him tie, I bought one of his vices which I still use today.

Probably the one thing in the Norvise line that has intrigued me the most was his bobbin that never had to be rewound by hand. If you pulled out any thread, the bobbin would automatically rewind the thread to within 3-4 inches of the fly.

After I moved to Oregon, I still had occasion to talk to and watch Norm demonstrating his vice first at the fly tying fair in Eugene and then onto the Albany fair. Each time I saw him I would ask him if he had anything new that year and some years he did, while other years he didn't. Enough to say that over the years, I have probably purchased all the items in the Norvise line.

It won't be the same next year at the Fly Fair in Albany, as his usual booth at the start of the north row of vendors will have a empty chair where Norm once sat and entertained his admirers both newbies and seasoned fly tyers alike. I'm sure that anyone that knew Norm, even slightly, will miss his demonstrations and the easy way he talked to all those that approached and watched him. From now on as I tie a fly on my Norvise, I'll remember Norm Norlander and tie one on for Norm.

Finally, Norm's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Project Healing Waters in his name.

OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Diamond Lake Outing - June 9th

The Diamond Lake Outing will be held June 9th and hosted by Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle. We will meet at the Diamond Lake South Boat Launch at 0700, where coffee and breakfast burritos will be served. A brief fishing report will be provided prior to heading out to fish.

Historical weather for this date shows highs in the mid 60's to mid 70's with lows ranging from the low 30's to mid 40's. Thunder showers are always a possibility.

Diamond Lake is primarily a boat or personal watercraft fishery. If you don't have a boat, make plans to be in one. There is limited shore access at various locations around the Lake however being on the water is a huge advantage.

The bugs at Diamond can be quite daunting. While on shore and around the campgrounds and resort, mosquitoes can be a hassle, so bring your bug spray. Once on the Lake, the mosquitoes are no problem, however a heavy midge hatch can be challenging if the wind is not blowing. I recommend bringing a buff or other head gear that has bug netting.

With regard to gear, a single handed rod of any size with floating line and the necessities for indicator style fishing in 5 to 14 feet of water will do well. Chromomid patterns, pheasant tails, hares ears and calibeatis nymphs in sizes 14 to 20 and small balanced

leeches often times work well. For those that prefer to strip or wind drift, a rig with an intermediate or hover line will serve well. Wooly Buggers, leech patterns and soft hackles are favorites.

For those folks attending the barbecue on Saturday evening, we will meet at our campsite in the Diamond Lake Campground along the east shore of the Lake around 6:00. We will be in spaces G31 and G34 which are located at the far south end of the campground and adjacent to the South Shore Pizza Parlor. To access the campsites simply park in the Pizza Parlor lot and take the trail at the north end of the parking area north into the campground. It's a very short walk. Bring a beverage of choice, a piece of meat that you would like to have grilled and a side dish for potluck and we'll have a great time by the fire. We will provide plates, utensils, napkins etc.

Any questions e-mail Steve Day, outing coordinator, at icersrd303@gmail.com.

Cascade Lakes/Lava Lake Outing

We have one of the longest running and more popular club outings coming in June – the Cascade Lakes/Lava Lake outing. Find the joy of fishing the clear, pristine waters of the Central Oregon area – Deschutes River, Big & Little



Sonja Nisson with a nice rainbow she took from Lava Lake at last year's Cascades Lakes Outing.

Lava Lakes, Hosmer Lake, Cultas Lake, Crane Prairie Lake, Fall River, and many other bodies of fine fishing water. The dates are Friday, June 22 through Sunday June 24.

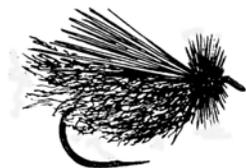
We will meet at site #7 (Jerry & Sue) at the Lava Lake RV Resort/Campground on Friday and Saturday mornings at 8:00am to present and share information on local fishing. On Friday night, we will meet at 5:30 also at site #7 to continue the new tradition of sharing snacks, appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Bring your own favorite beverage and appetizer to share. On Saturday evening we will meet at 5:00 for social hour with the group dinner beginning at 6:00 at site #7. This year dinner will be Tri tip and chicken breast. Each person attending will need to bring an appetizer, a side dish or dessert and their own beverage (the club will provide water and ice tea). Please bring your own chairs if possible as we have limited seating. Come join us for some good food, good friends and good fishing.

Make sure you sign up no later than June 12 to attend the dinner as we need an accurate count in order to have enough food.

If you are interested in attending you can sign up at the SOFF club dinner in May, or email Jerry & Sue Keeling at jerrykeeling@msn.com or call 541-218-7264. There are many options for camping in the area as well as cabins at various lakes.

You don't want to miss out on some great fishing and great memories.

Jerry & Sue Keeling



2018 Outings

June 9	Diamond Lake with Steve Day
June 22-24	Cascade Lakes with Sue & Jerry Keeling
July 28	Howard Prairie with Kevin Reiten
Aug 25	Umpqua Smallmouth with Dave Haight
Sept 8	Steelhead Clinic with Dave Haight

FLY TYING CORNER

Royal Bugger



- Hook:** Mustad 9672 Size or Equiv., Pinch Barb.
- Thread:** Black.
- Underbody:** .020 Lead Wire.
- Tail:** Black Marabou.
- Belly:** Four Strands of Orange Floss.
- Body:** Peacock Herl.
- Hackle:** Dark Blue Dun.

Tying Instructions:



Wrap hook with thread. Add lead to the first 1/3 of hook, 8-9 wraps leaving head space. Secure lead with the thread advancing back to the rear of the hook. Tie in marabou tail. Length should be equal to the hook shank. Tie in 2' piece of floss doubled in half on the bottom of the hook to form the belly of the fly. Tie in dark dun hackle by the tips-concave side facing rear and shiny side forward.

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John Storfold

Fly Tying Chair

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Membership Form

Please make checks payable to:
SOFF and mail to: PO Box 1144,
Grants Pass, Oregon 97528

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

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: Home () _____ Work: () _____
 Email: _____
 Personal interests: _____

Renewal: _____ New: _____



CHANGING LINES

COMING EVENTS

- 6-5 Board Meeting
- 6-9 Club Outing - Diamond Lake with Steve Day.
- 6-12 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
- 6-19 Club Meeting.with Littleleaf Guides.
- 6-22-24 Cascades Lakes with Jerry and Sue Keeling.
- 7-2 Board Meeting.
- 7-17 No Meeting.
- 7-21 Wine Dinner Meeting - Plaiance Ranch.
- 7-28 Club Outing - Howard Prairie with Kevin Reiten.
- 8-7 Board Meeting.

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son sometime in their lifetime should make a pilgrimage to Washington DC and see these symbols for themselves. They needed to walk around the WWII Memorial and touch the Black Wall of Honor, listing all those who died in Viet Nam, and I'm sure that in future years there will also be a Memorial for those that died in Iraq and Afghanistan. They need to go to Arlington National Cemetery and see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then walk among the rows of markers pausing occasionally to read the inscription on them. Couple that with viewing and reflecting on the statuary depicting events in the various wars and I'm sure you will likewise be moved.

So then what is Memorial Day? It is a day given to fun and good times, but during these good times whether young or old, big or small, we need to stop and think about those that paid the price of admission for all of us to enjoy the day.



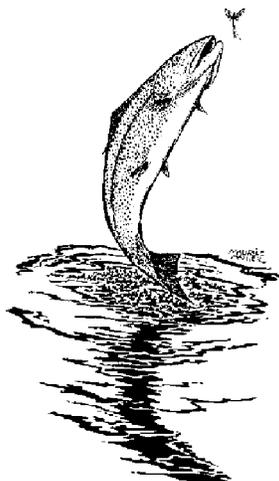
Scholarship Cont. From Pg. 3

to school and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Tyler expects to graduate with a degree in Fisheries Sciences at the end of winter term of 2019. After graduation, he plans to earn a Master's Degree, and then pursue a career focused on the research, monitoring, and preservation of aquatic and marine ecosystems.

Andrew Chione is a junior from Newberg, OR. Since transferring to the Fisheries Sciences program at OSU, he has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Andrew is also working while attending Oregon State, and has a high financial need. Andrew has worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service doing stream restoration projects, and for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife surveying stream habitat and monitoring fish populations. He has also done volunteer work for the Yamhill Watershed Council and the Smith River Alliance. Once Andrew earns his Bachelor's Degree, he plans to go into a Master's program, and eventually would like to conduct fisheries research in the Pacific Northwest.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers is pleased that we can help these students as they work toward their goals of enhancing our fisheries resources.

David Haight, Scholarship Chair



Royal Bugger Cont. From Pg. 6

Tie in 4-6 strands of peacock herl by the tips and form a dubbing loop with the thread. Grab the peacock herl and dubbing loop thread with your hackle pliers and spin forming a hurl rope.

Dub body, secure and cut of the excess.

Spin the fly over if you have a rotary vice and pull the floss over the body to form the belly, secure and cut off the excess.

Spin the fly back and now wrap the hackle forward, tie off and clip off the excess.

Whip finish and cement head.

Fly Tied By Mark Heskett

For Sale



Creek Country 8' Pontoon boat (electric), Oars, pump, anchor, motor 34# thrust, new RV deep cycle marine battery.

Swivel seat and pads, 2 rod holders with extra valves.

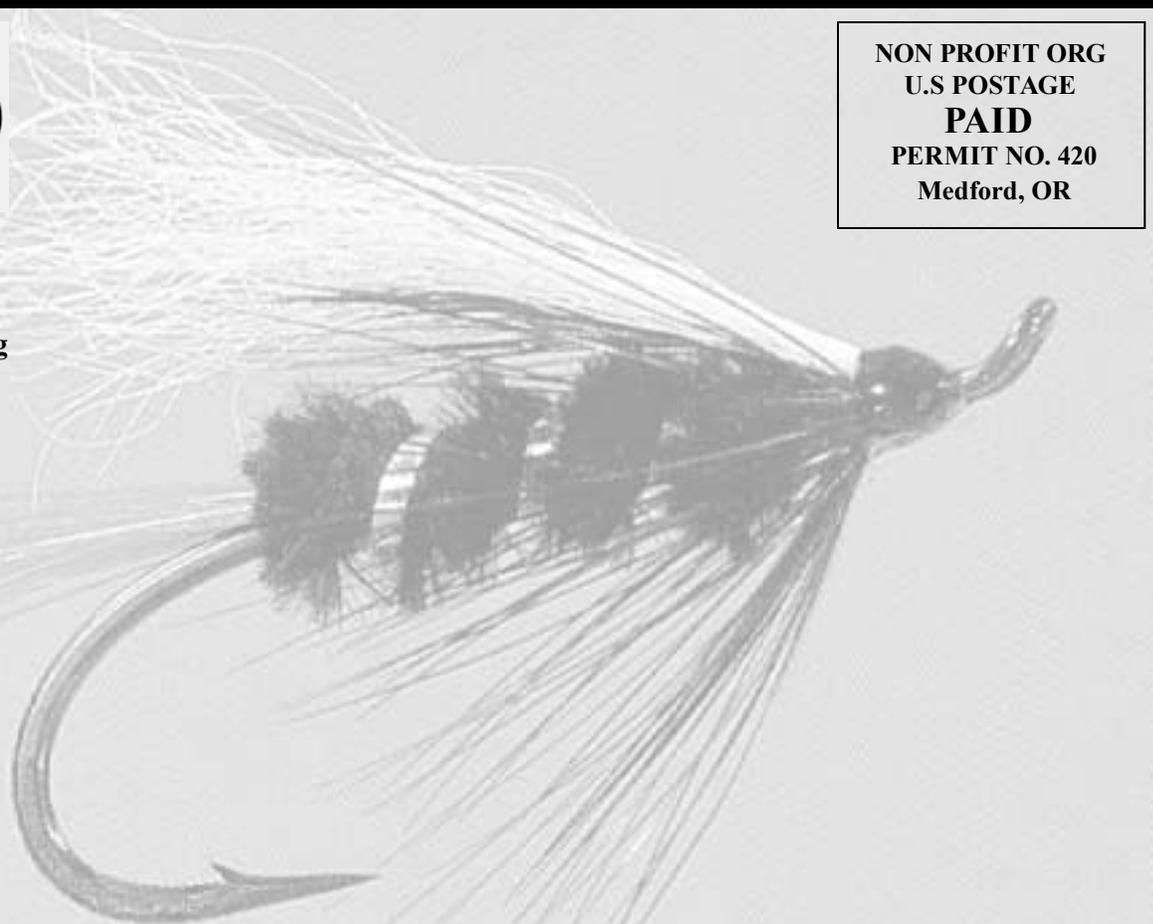
Boat and all equipment \$375.00

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Editor's Notebook

Here I sit on Memorial Day deciding on what I should write about this month, when suddenly I heard the sounds of children yelling and laughing as they played in the neighbor's pool. I wondered if they even knew the significance of the day. To them it was just a day off from school and for doing fun things.

Not only them, but how many others just regard it as a day off from work or school, a day to go to the beach or lakeside, maybe have a picnic or backyard barbecue with family and friends. It's a time for the boatnik parade and a trip to the park to enjoy the amusements and boat races. Small American flags held by small hands and large wave enthusiastically, but I wonder if they know the true meaning of Memorial Day?

If you really want to know the meaning of the day, ask a veteran or for that matter a Gold Star Family member. Those men that fought this country's wars, be it WWII, Korea,



These are the ones to be remembered on Memorial Day.

Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan or the continuing skirmishes that continue to plague the Mideast or a family who lost a family member in the same battles. For the majority, there will always be a tear in the eye as they remember their band of brothers in arms or fam-

ily members who sacrificed their all and gave their lives so that we, the people of this country can continue to live in this land of the free.

For me, never having served, certain symbols such as the World War Two Memorial, the Viet Nam Memorials in Washington DC, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, and for that matter Arlington National Cemetery itself or any National Cemetery with its rows upon rows of white markers can easily bring a tear to my eye. Not only that, but it gives me a sense of pride in the members of the military of this country that can be counted on to go that extra step when called upon to do so regardless of the personal risks.

I really believe that every per-

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