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If it is November, then it is time for the Southern Oregon Fly Fisher's Annual Fund Raising Auction. It is the event that provides funding for all the following year's club activities.



Some of the crowd at last year's SOFF Benefit Auction waiting for dinner prior to the start of the oral auction. As usual, the event was sold out and there wasn't a seat to be had.

**Dinner Reservations: E-mail - info@soff.org
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FROM THE BOARD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Dave Grosjacques

A Mountain Lake and It's Fish

(Part 2)

In last month's column I described Lemolo Reservoir's location and fish populations. I then started to tell the story of the tui chub invasion of Lemolo and how the resort owner acted to do something about it.

The owner of the Lemolo Lake Resort, Scott Lamb, applied for grant funding to purchase nets to trap and remove the tui chub from the lake.

When the funding was approved, Scott got a net system and started using it. The net is 50 or 60 feet long, with floats and weights to keep it vertical in the shallow water along the shoreline. One end is tied to a windfall on the shore and the other is pulled out into the lake. There are also two wing nets that guide fish into a submerged trap box. When the net is being used the trap box must

be checked daily. Any trout caught in the box are released unharmed, and the tui chub are taken out and hauled to shore to be removed from the lake.

I watched the net crew check the trap once while I was fishing nearby in my boat.

They captured a large, blue garbage can full of tui chub and half of another garbage can. They told me that was the

catch in just 24 hours! More funding was approved and 2 more identical net systems were installed. For several summers the three traps were all installed in early June and

operated until early September.

The hard work and expense of the trapping program started to make a difference. Over 3 or 4 summers the number of tui chub caught in the nets declined at all three locations in the lake. At the same time the number of trout caught alive and released from the trap box started to increase. Eventually the netting program was stopped. The

project was a success and similar netting programs have been used in other lakes.

The lake still gets a bit of algae bloom in the warm months, but it is not harmful to fish or fishermen. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



After a hard day of fishing at Lemolo Lake, President Dave takes the opportunity to relax and ponder about all the fish he caught.

plants catchable size rainbow trout into Lemolo each year in late spring. Trophy sized rainbow are planted at the end of the summer. Most rainbow caught at Lemolo are 10 to 14 inches, with an occasional holdover fish 15 to 19 inches. The brown trout caught there are from 10 to 16 inches, with a few even larger. The ODFW does not plant brown trout in Lemolo. The few Kokanee in the lake are 10 to 12 inches long.

The Lemolo Lake Resort is now operated by new owners Jim and Anita Hudson. They have a small store and cabins and boats for rent. They also upgraded the RV Park to make it a KOA

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President Dave shows off a fine rainbow he caught on a recent trip to Lemolo Lake.

ATTENTION! Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Tap Rock Restaurant
The next meeting is scheduled:
Nov. 6th at 6:00pm or the first Tuesday of the month
All members welcome

PROGRAMS

Future Programs

Dec 18	John Shewey
Jan 15	TBA
Feb 19	TBA
Mar 19	TBA
Apr 16	TBA
May 21	TBA
June 18	TBA
July 16	No Meeting

WHEN:

Nov. 10, 2018



TIMES:

4:00 PM

Social Hour and
Silent Auction

6:00 PM

Meeting

6:30 PM

Dinner and Auction

Annual Club Auction

WHERE:

G.P. Golf Club
230 Espey Rd, GP



2017 Club Auction

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campground. The resort has a gravel boat ramp and a cabin for rent right on the lake. The only paved boat ramp with a dock is at Poole Creek Campground on the lake's west side. The third boat ramp is a small gravel one at East Lemolo Campground.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will have our 9th annual outing to Lemolo next spring, most likely in late May. In the past club members have stayed at Poole Creek Campground or at the RV park at the Resort. Watch for dates and details in the newsletter. Let's go fishing!

For Sale

Anderson Custom Rods

ACR 10wt 9'0" 3 piece
\$325

ACR Sage VPS 1090-4
\$325

ACR 8wt 9'0" 5 piece
\$250

ACR 7wt 13'2" 4 piece-
complete with 480 gr. Skagit and
Sandi lines \$450

Travel rod case for multiple rods
(including two-handed) with wheels
\$50

Contact Rich Hosley 541-218-
6684 for additional details



CASTING ABOUT

So. Oregon Fly Fishers' Annual Fund Raising Auction

November 10th, Hope it is on your calendar and that you have made reservations. As I write this there are only a few seats left for our once a year celebration and fund raiser. If by chance you don't have your reservation YET, call us ASAP before all the seats are gone.

We are excited to offer:

Guided fishing trips

Hosted fishing trips

Lodging get-a-ways

Fly Rods

Dining

Wine

Gift certificates at many of our local businesses

Hand tied flies by some of the best

Sawyer Oars

Golf

And much more.

As before we will have the cup raffles, silent auction and our oral auction.

We get the pleasure of getting competitive with our bidding on a full and satisfied stomach with Prime Rib and Chicken Marsala.

So let's loosen our belts for a great meal and our wallets and have a great fund raiser. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Auction Schedule

November 10, 2018 TIME SCHEDULE (schedule may vary slightly)

4 – 5:30 PM Silent Auction and Cup Raffle (tables to close at separate times)

5:30 – 5:45 PM Club announcements

5:45 – 6:30 PM Dinner

6:30 – 8:30 PM Live Auction

OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

November Outing: Coastal Fall Chinook

Chinook are the largest and most popular salmon in Oregon, and many fly fishers consider them to be the state's ultimate trophy gamefish. While several of our members do fish for and have caught Chinook salmon on a fly, most probably have not. For those that would like to give it a try, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and the Rogue Fly fishers will join together for an outing to the coast.

The outing is planned for November 17 and 18 at Cape Blanco State

Park. This area offers several fishing options: The State Park includes the lower three miles of the Sixes River, giving bank anglers access to several good spots. Three launch sites give those with driftboats or pontoon boats access to additional sections of the river. Anglers can also walk or drive down the beach to the mouth of the Elk River.

Because of the potential for stormy weather to put the rivers out of shape, there is a significant possibility



Jay Nichols, a coastal guide, displays a prime example of what this outing is after.

that the date or location of the outing may need to be changed. Because of this, people interested in attending the outing should sign-up with me (David Haight) at the email address or phone number below.

A ten-weight outfit works well for Chinook. Many people prefer a shooting-head system with heads ranging from intermediate to fast sinking, which allows them cover a variety of water depths and conditions; however, full sinking lines will work. Fifteen to 20-

pound leader material is appropriate. Clouser minnows and comets ranging in size from about one to two inches long are generally effective patterns. For the Clousers, black over chartreuse, green over chartreuse, chartreuse over white, brown over orange, and orange over white are popular colors combinations. For the comets, green, chartreuse, and orange work well. Bring your usual fishing accessories, and don't forget your raingear.

Cape Blanco State Park offers campsites as well as a few cabins. The cabins can be reserved at reserveamerica.com. For those that don't want to camp. Bandon is about 30 minutes to the north and Port Orford is about 15 minutes to the south. Both have a variety of motels and restaurants.

The Sixes and Elk Rivers provide fly anglers with one of the better opportunities to catch a Chinook salmon on a fly, and the last half of November is

considered to be the prime time. If the weather and the river flows cooperate, this should be a great trip.

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later. It makes a nice head and because it does not cure until you hit it with the UV light you have time to make it even and smooth head.

With the losses of some of our long time members lately, it brought back memories of those we have lost in the past. I thought about how those impacted us and what memories they left us with. And when I was thinking about which fly to put in the newsletter, one of those came to mind and that was the late Rusty Randall, who owned the Merlin Fly Shop. His favorite saying was no fly was worth tying if it did not have peacock herl in it. The Prince nymph was one of his favorites and one he got orders from many of his customer and proved to be very successful for steelhead on the rogue. As a matter of fact the Peacock that I have in my fly tying room is from his shop. This is one of those flies you don't leave home without, regardless if you are fishing streams or lakes. I remember him getting orders for these from customer who had great success on the rogue with these in a size 8 for steelhead. As a matter of fact I caught my FIRST adult rogue steelhead on a prince nymph. I thank Rusty for those memories.

Fly Tied By: John Storfold



2018 Outings

Nov 17-18	Coastal Chinook with Dave Haight
Jan 1	Holy Water Chili
Jan 19	TBA
Feb 16	TBA
Mar 16	TBA
Apr 20	TBA
May 18	TBA
Jun 15	TBA

FLY TYING CORNER

Prince Nymph



- Hook:** 6-10 Wet Fly, 2-3 XL
- Thread:** Black 6/0.
- Tail:** Brown or White Goose Biots.
- Underbody:** Antron or Similar Material to Build a Cigar Shaped Body (Unless you are looking for the Sparse Look.)
- Body:** Peacock Herl Rope
- Rib:** Fine Gold Tinsel,
- Wing:** White Goose Biots.
- Hackle:** Soft Brown.

Tying Instructions:

De-barb the hook and mount in the vice. Dress the hook with tying thread back to just between the barb and the point of the hook.

Make a small ball of thread above the termination point. This will help separate the biots. Tie in your biots, one on each side of the hook.

Tie in your ribbing and secure it back to where the biots are tied in and set it back in you material holder while you work on the body.

Now tie in you underbody material and wrap forward and back a couple of times to form a cigar shaped body.

Move the thread to the rear of the hook and tie in 5-7 strands of peacock herl. Brush the fibers back to get a more fluff. Now make a herl rope with the thread and with touching wraps, wrap the rope to the front of the hook leaving room for the hackle, biot wings, and head. Tie off and cut off any extra herl.

Take your ribbing and counter wrap, with spiral wraps, about 5 turns, up to the tie off point and secure. Use enough wraps of thread to make a good base for the hackle. I strip hackle off one side of the stem to make the hackle a little sparse. Tie in your hackle and make one and a half to two wraps and tie off.

Wrap tying thread back to cause the hackle to sweep back toward the rear of the hook. Tie in the wing biots, one on either side of the hook, and make a nice tapered head. You can now apply head cement or UV activated cement. I used the

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John Storfold

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

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 Address: _____
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 Email: _____
 Personal interests: _____

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CHANGING LINES

COMING EVENTS

- 11-6 Board Meeting.
- 11-10 SOFF Annual Auction.
- 11-13 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
- 11-17-18 Club Outng -Coastal Chinook with Dave Haight.
- 12-4 Board Meeting.
- 12-11 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
- 12-18 Club Meeting with John Shewey.
- 1-8 Board Meeting.
- 1-8 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.

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for underserved communities. Some of the money raised will also continue an existing program to fight invasive species. Those are all good causes.

But the public needs details. In the public documents for the meeting, there are no details about the need. Zero. There are no financial projections. Zip. There are no estimates of any increased costs that the Marine Board faces. Zilch. There is no explanation of how much of money in the "waterway access account" will go to each purpose and how much will go to fight invasive species. The Marine Board also doesn't make it clear what money for motorized boat or sailboat registrations will go into this account.

The proposed fee for nonmotorized boats also replaces the current requirement for nonmotorized boats to carry an Aquatic Invasive Species Permit for \$7. There is no explanation, though, of why the new fee must be higher.

The Marine Board staff can't pretend it is adequately informing the public about the issues at this open house. It needs clearly justify in the documents for the meeting why it wants to take more money from the public and how it plans to spend it. It's like the Marine Board staff is just going through the

motions of a public process without caring to let the public in on what's going on.

There it is. How long before the bean counters at the Marine Board realize that there is a large contingent of floating devices that haven't been considered in their current proposal just because they are 1 foot short. Go to any lake or even some streams and see the number of pontoon boats that are on those bodies of water. Five, seventeen and thirty dollars are floating by and are not being factored in to the general good as determined by the Marine Board. I would only guess that it would be a matter of time before that situation is rectified.

What can we do? Be vocal and attend any meeting that might be scheduled in the local area and if there are no local meetings, write and keep writing your displeasure to the Marine Board. Only by fighting back can we hope to change this ill-conceived plan. Remember, I said nothing when they came after the bigger boats and now they are after the smaller boats, who will speak out for me?

Last month I wrote about how little we know of some people before they pass away and so it was with Mitch Moos. After I wrote my article, I had occasion to read his official obituary. I thought I share a bit of it. To begin with he was born in Poland in 1939 and lived there until age 10 which means he lived through World War Two there and experienced the war first hand. He and his family emigrated to Chicago in 1949 and he began life anew. His schooling was completed there, including medical school. He took up urology as a specialty and moved to Grants Pass, becoming the first urology specialist in the Rogue Valley. He retired from private practice in the early 2000s, but continued to consult on urological issues.

I talked to a couple of doctors who are members of the club who knew Mitch

and was advised that Mitch's primary fishing was done on the Rogue, where his favorite fish was the steelhead.

As Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story".

All right gang this is it. If you haven't reserved a seat for the big SOFF auction, it probably is too late. Which means that you'll miss out on all those great prizes that John Storfold and his crew gathered up for the night, not only in the oral auction, but also in the silent auction. Added to this, all the can raffles of some really great baskets and other items to be had.

For those that are coming and have reserved and paid for their seats, they will be treated not only to the above but to a great prime rib or chicken dinner, which if it's anything like last year will be outstanding.

I can think of only one thing to add and it is this, this is a fund raiser for the club and all monies raised will be used in 2019 for speakers, conservation donations, and other things that make our club great. So bear this in mind when it comes time for either bidding in the oral or silent auction, or the purchase of raffle tickets. Dig deep and be generous and let's make this one of most successful fund raisers the club has ever had. Oh, by the way if cash is a little light, not to worry, the club also takes plastic!





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Editor's Notebook

Sometime last year, I railed about a proposal that the Oregon Marine Board was contemplating and that was to access non-motorized floating devices 10 feet or longer with a yearly fee to access the waters of the state.

There were a series of scoping meetings across the state to access the stakeholders (that's you and me) as to our feelings about this proposed fee. The fees collected were to go to provide facilities at lakes and streams statewide.

I believed at the time, the fee proposed was modest and was of limited duration. I warned at the time that the proposed scoping meetings were merely a way for the Marine Board to pay lip service to the public and that the Marine Board had already decided on moving forward with the fee.

Granted that the proposed fee is now targeted for non-motorized boats

of 10 feet and longer, which now would include primarily kayaks. Since some of the money raised would go to fund 'water way access' it's not a leap of faith to believe that the Marine Board could rethink their position to include boats shorter than 10' which would include almost all prams and pontoon boats used by fisherman.

Last month I had read a story in the Courier which stated that the Marine Board has now determined the fee structure and plan to have a series of meetings outlining their proposal. Unfortunately, I didn't cut out the article and the thought left me. While thinking of what I would write for my editor's notes, I thought about the article and since I didn't have the article I googled up the following editorial from the Bend Bulletin of October 6, 2018 and have included it here.

Cascades, and the staff of Oregon Marine Board wants to charge you a new fee.

It's just one of many proposals for new fees and rules the Oregon Marine Board is scheduled to discuss at an open house at Eagle Crest on Oct. 16. The fee is [so inadequately explained](#) and justified in the documents provided for the public, it should be rejected.

What is clear is Marine Board staff want more money. The proposal is to charge a fee on all nonmotorized boats 10-feet long and over except motorboats and sailboats with valid registration. The proposed fee is \$5 for a week, \$17 annually or \$30 biennially.

With that money, Marine Board staff want to create a "waterway access account." Some of the money raised by the new fee would go to create and improve access to waterways, to safety education courses and to buy boats

Put your canoe in a lake up in the

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