Soft music from a piano filled the hall as we entered the dining area. Even though we were early the hall was filled with warm faces and good spirits. Josh White is tying flies and the hall is full. The meeting was called to order and awards were the first order of business. Next a ham or turkey dinner filled our plates followed by a pumpkin cheese cake. The presentation by Randy White fishing the Florida Keys was spectacular. A great raffle (by Dave Russell and Vera Edwards) topped off the evening and a good time was had by all.
FROM THE BOARD

President's Message
A new and exciting year has begun, and I wish each and every one a very happy and healthy 2003. The Board has already approved the budget and the outings are set in place and ready to start. Fly tying and rod building classes, beginning fly fishing, and women's fly fishing have been arranged with chairs and dates to begin.

Morris Fruitman, our new editor, will do a great job on the newsletter. Software has been installed into two club computers to allow more members to be trained in preparing for print. This will insure the newsletter will go to print, and our goal of getting it mailed the first week of each month can be realized.

The club has a new Habitat Chair, Reginald Heth, who has already met with Oregon Fish and Wildlife and received some input in the areas where they need help. He has also been working with the Middle Rogue Watershed Council. "Ridge" will do an outstanding job in this position.

Stepping up and taking over Outings is our new Vice President, Teresa Kasza. With her enthusiasm and the help of the Board, she will have the outings well advertised and attended.

Charter member Buck Woodburn will be able to add some new levels to the position of Program Chair. We both have agreed that the Board must take a more active role in the selection of speakers and not allow the responsibility to fall on one person. Buck will also be a great help in our Public Relations program.

Having these items completed, the Board will continue work on other important issues, one of which is to get our youth program up and running. We will start working with the Boy Scouts on their Fly Fishing Merit Badges. Rumors are that the Girl Scouts are soon to follow. This is good news.

A greeter team will meet guests, show them around, and make them feel welcome at our monthly meetings. We will look into improving public relations so the teachings and meetings of our club can be advertised more freely in the local news.

Yes, there are many exciting things happening, and for many of these, I will be asking for help and input from you, the members. Let's all work together and make this an outstanding year for Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.

Jim Tehan

Attention
Board Meeting
The Board of Directors will meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at the corner of 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.

The next Board meeting will be Feb 6 at 6:30 PM.

All members are welcome to attend.
JANUARY MEETING
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

When:
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003

Where:
Riverside Conference Center

Time:
Social Hour at 6:00PM
Meeting at 7:00PM
Dinner at 7:30PM
Speaker to follow dinner
Raffle to close evening

What to Bring:
Questions
Name tag
A fly for the fly box (Or $.50)

February program:
Bernie Taylor
Oregon fisher & Author

SAVING DIAMOND LAKE

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will be presenting a program on the Diamond Lake Water Quality project. This project is co-sponsored by the ODFW and the North Umpqua Ranger District. It should be a very interesting program. They will explain what they are planning in an attempt to clean up the lake and correct the chub fish problems. ODFW is interested in your comments and thoughts on their proposal. Plan on being there. This project is just the sort of thing we need to get involved with. It is right in line with SOFF’s mission statement.

Carey Williams
Holy Water Outing

On Friday, December 6th, Teresa Kasza had planned a quiet and informal morning with Joe Holzen on the Holy Water. Joe was going to help her learn fishing techniques and share the flies he uses at that location. However, others found out about their morning plans and soon the word spread. Tony Brauner, Steve Godshall and Jim Tehan were also there. All wanted to see Joe fish and how he approached these waters. Joe, right then and there, tied several flies that he uses this time of year and explained how he uses them. He gave each of us a couple of his flies and we all headed to the water. Teresa was fishing with Joe for more instruction and we all gave them their space. We started fishing. I was fishing upstream at some distance but it seemed every time I glanced in their direction the rod of Teresa’s was bent over, she had another fish attacking her fly. Later that afternoon we all gathered together and enjoyed a bite of lunch and discussed the morning. During 3 hours of fishing we all had landed a fish except me. Teresa had hooked 7 and landed 4.

Remember, Joe is going to put on a clinic this year at the Holy Water, located just below Lost Creek Lake Dam, in November. That location is also known as Rivers Edge State Park. Holy Water is the nickname given to it by Fly Fishers because it is fly fishing only and with barbless hooks. All fish must be returned to the river as well.

By the way the weather was great this day, clear and sunny, while it was foggy in Grants Pass.

Jim Tehan

Salmon Carcass Planting, December 14
Carey Williams, Jim Bignall, John Lemon

Bob Copeland, Gerry James
Appreciation Award

Beginnning Fly Tying Class
When: Tuesdays, Jan. 21- March 18
Time: 7 to 9 PM
Where: Grants Pass High School, Rm 136
Contact: Carey Williams 597-2205
Cost: $25 Bring: Vice, scissors, bobbin and hackle pliers.
Note: Under 18 years-free

Fly Tiers (SOFT) Meet Wed., January 22, 7PM, Outdoor Store, Medford
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

STEELHEAD CLINIC/OUTING
Saturday, January 18, 2003
Meet at Shari's, Grants Pass
8:00 AM
Bring your wading gear and #10 and #12 nymphs. The water may warm, so bring egg patterns too.

BUT MOSTLY BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!!
This is a special opportunity. A free guided day of fishing on private property not normally accessible to us on the lovely Lower Applegate.
Steve Bonner will be our guide and instructor for the day and yours truly can hardly wait!
For more information contact Steve at 474-0090 or 660-0540. See you there!

Teresa Kasza

DECEMBER AWARDS MEETING
Newly elected president, Jim Tehan, was awarded 2002 Member of the Year and Joe Holzen was honored with the President's Award along with a lifetime membership. Special Recognition awards went out to Mike and Marilyn Canet, Gerald Sinclair, and Jim Bignall for their hard work and consistency. Burton Griffin received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the 2002 picnic. Gerry James presented an award to Bob Copeland in thanks for his contributions to SOFF. Pat Waller received her award for 2nd place in the casting event from September's picnic.

Randy White, Speaker

Special Recognition Award
to Jim Bignall
FLY TYING CORNER

CAREY SPECIAL*

HOOK: Down eye streamer 3X long, 6-10
THREAD: Black
TAIL: Barbs from a ringneck pheasant rump feather.
BODY: Peacock herl
RIB: Fine gold wire
COLLAR: Ringneck pheasant rump feather tied back

*Named for Colonel Carey of Canada

This month’s flies are simple, soft hackle patterns with the difference not being in the basic fly, but in the way the head is tied in to facilitate various tippet to fly knots. When using a knot such as the clinch or improved clinch, tying the thread head right behind the eye of the hook works well. This is the standard method used by many flyfishers. When using a knot such as a Turle knot, leave a small space behind the eye of the hook so the tippet knot ties to the shank of the hook instead of the eye. This allows the tippet to pull in a straight line with the shank of the hook. The knot is more secure because it is not resting on the fly’s head. This knot is used by many dry fly fishermen and works well with soft hackle wet patterns. When looking at the two illustrations note the positioning of the head on each fly.

Carey Williams

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Email: ________________________

NO CASTING INSTRUCTION on Tuesdays, at the Casting Pond, until spring.
**Membership**

Good News! New style SOFF hats have arrived. If you were at the December membership meeting you may have seen them. Also, more decals have arrived, so those of you who asked me for one now have your chance.

Be an earlybird and get your 2003 membership renewal taken care of. There is no increase in cost with Regular (individual) being $25 and Family $35. Please turn in your renewal as soon as possible and save the membership chairman from carpal tunnel syndrome by having to do them all at once.

Lastly, for new members, or those who have lost their name badges, be sure to see me at the membership meetings as I now have many, many badges waiting to be claimed.

**Dick Butler**

**Board Meeting Report**

The last meeting of the 2002 Board met in a joint meeting with the '03 board candidates. President Carey Williams, members Beth Williams, Jim Tehan, Jeff Fox and Dick Butler were in attendance. Minutes and Treasurers reports were discussed and approved.

**Private member advertising was approved for the directory. Ads should be business card size and sold for $25. Plaques and Awards have arrived ready for the Dec. meeting. The Tying Class will begin Jan. 21, more info to come. Joe Holzen was thanked for donating used waders for the planting of salmon carcasses. Programs were discussed and approved. The new Board was seated. First order of business was the new budget. Distributed for modification and approval at the next Board meeting. A membership questionnaire will be distributed at the next meeting. Board meetings will begin 6:30PM and held the first Thursday of the month starting Feb. Dick Butler

**Secretary/Membership**

**The Emerger**

The holidays have come and gone leaving you just a little numb. A fire pops and sputters in the fireplace giving off a cheery glow. Outside it is cold and damp with rain or maybe snow drifting down. Your inertia is at zero. You drift off to sleep as the TV mumbles.

OK, hold it right there. Now is the time to think about spring. That perfect day for spring fishing is just around the corner. Yes, we have said this before. Are you ready? Do you need to tie flies? How about cleaning gear, new leader or that new line you promised yourself last season. If you put this off then that ‘perfect day’ will fly past. Run into town and buy the items you need and guess what? Sold out. Everyone else beat you to it. Won’t happen you say? Make up a To Do list. Next visit your favorite Fly Fishing Shop. Buy or ask the salesperson to order your specific needs. Give them adequate notice and time. Go over your equipment and lines carefully. Tie half a dozen flies, now check the fire. You can now relax in that easy chair with confidence.

Good fishing the whole year.

**Morris Fruitman**
This is the first newsletter of the year 2003 and my first as your Editor. Your Board, in all of its wisdom, has selected me to carry on the long tradition of providing a monthly publication advising you of speakers and flies for each month, date and location of events, minutes of board meetings, educational activities, conservation programs, articles of interest and much more. I will try to live up to that task. You are also invited to participate in this newsletter as well. We are interested in articles by club members that are accompanied by photos, if available. Not everything can be printed but we will always try to publish articles in a timely manner. If your submission is not printed right away we will file it and print it in a later publication. Photos and articles are welcome, either on e-mail, (mornan@grrtech.com) or snail mail.

PO Box 229, Trail, OR 97541. If you would like your photos returned be sure and let us know at submission. Your articles may be edited for length and quality of content by our large expert staff of proof readers(Nancy). If you have recommendations on improving the newsletter let us know that too; I will be happy to take your suggestions to the Board. (Hopefully these Newsletters will be perfect right from the start.) Have a great year and wonderful fishing as well.

Note: A big Thanks to Dick Adams and Jeff Fox for all of the work they put into the newsletter last year and a big thanks for driving to Trail as well. A special thanks to all of you who helped us get this edition out to the club on time.

Morris Fruitman
SOFF’s annual January 1st outing and chili feed was a huge success. The weather held and many members took advantage and filled their plates with chili provided by Carey and Beth Williams. They met and talked with members of the Rogue Flyfishers club and, last but not least, caught some trout! Flies used included wet as well as dry and, in spite of high water conditions, both were successful.

The outing was followed by an Open House at Charlotte and Joe Holzen’s home, in Shady Cove, which included a great spread of finger sandwiches, bean soup, cookies, cake, beverages and much more. Thank you Charlotte and Joe!

If you missed this year’s annual event be sure to plan on being there next year. You can tape the football games and watch them later.

Dick Butler

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Hostess Charlotte Holzen
President’s Message
The winter rains have come and the rivers are rising. The winter steelhead are starting their run up stream and we are all hoping the numbers will be as high as last year. When the rivers are fishable we will be out there regardless of the weather. It could be snowing but you will find a few of us swinging a fly hoping for a large steelhead to take it. Let’s not forget the water is a whole lot colder than those summer days and the current is much faster. Remember to tighten up those wader belts, wear studded wading boots, and if your footing is not as sure as in your younger days, carry a wading staff. It is also a good idea to fish with a partner and carry radios to keep in touch with each other. If you fish alone let someone know where you are going and what time you will be returning. I will always remember the cold snowy morning I slipped and fell into the Illinois River, it was a great shock and what an eye opener. Load up those fly boxes with your favorite winter flies and gather your rain gear. Hope to see you on the rivers this winter and having as much fun as I am.

Remember that dues are now due. Please fill out the form in this newsletter so that we have all your correct information. Either mail to our PO Box or give it to Dick Butler, Membership Chair, at the next meeting.

Jim Tehan

Sports Show-Medford
The Oregon Council of FFF is joining forces with SOFF, Rogue Flyfishers and Oregon Lady Fly Fishers to man a booth at the Sports Show in Medford at the Fair Grounds. Scheduled for Feb. 28, March 1 and 2, the booth, 10 by 20, will host fly tyers, rod building and also casting instruction at a specially constructed pool. There will also be a raffle to win a custom built fly rod of your choice. Volunteers will be needed for the three day show. Please contact President Jimmy Tehan if you desire to volunteer and represent SOFF.

Board Meeting Report
• The 2003 budget was reviewed and adopted. A copy will be made available to members at the March meeting.
• Proposals for new ideas or programs need to be submitted to the Board in writing with a budget.
• New Member packets will be distributed at membership meetings instead of being mailed as in the past.
• Kinco’s now prints the newsletter at a savings to the club of $120 per month.
• The outings and instructional clinic schedules were reviewed and approved for 2003. They will be distributed at the January membership meeting as will the program speaker schedule.
• Fly Tying class at GPHS runs Jan 21-Mar 18, 7-9 pm, Rm 136, and handled by Carey Williams.
• A membership questionnaire has been developed for distribution at the January meeting to solicit input on a variety of subjects.

MEMBERSHIP
Total number of current members: 270
Families: 67
Individuals: 114

THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
We have a lot to be grateful for here in Southern Oregon. I hope you will join me in giving back to the sport of fly fishing. A great season of fly fishing is the result, in part, through the work of the Federation of Fly Fishers for years. I would like to encourage you to join the FFF during the first quarter of 2003. First, you will receive a Catch and Release tool on a zinger ($12 value) along with a raffle ticket ($15 value, 10 tickets per drawing) for a custom built fly rod, designed for you, for joining through March. Drawings will take place for every 10 that join. If you do not win, your name goes into a drawing, in April, for a drift boat trip for two.

Steve Godshall

Mike and Marlane Trask

ATTENTION Board Meeting
The Board of Directors will meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass. Next Board meetings will be Feb. 6th and March 6th at 6:30 PM. All members are welcome.
FEBRUARY PROGRAM

FEBRUARY MEETING

WHEN:
February 20, 2003

WHERE:
Riverside Conference Center
Grants Pass

TIMES:
6:00 PM
Social Hour and Fly Tying Demonstration

7:00 PM
Meeting

7:30 PM
Dinner
Speaker to follow

Raffle to close evening

WHAT TO BRING:
Questions for the speaker
Don’t forget your name tag.

A fly for the fly box!
(Or $.50 for the kitty)

March program:
Scott Richmond
Popular author and Editor of Westfly.com

Bernie Taylor

Bernie Taylor comes to us from Oregon’s Willamette Valley near the rainy eastern slope of the Coast Range. Bernie is an outdoor writer, photographer and author of Big Trout. Bernie has numerous contributions in magazines such as American Angler, Fly Fisherman, North American Fisherman, Atlantic Salmon Journal, Japanese Fly Fisher, and others. He is the founder of the Trophy Game Fish Research Group and creator of the Annual Game Fish Feeding Rhythm Tables. A new book is in the works pertaining to salmon and steelhead. Bernie’s program should prove to be interesting to all members.

Guest Night

The March meeting is Guest Night! Bring a guest and you and your guest will receive a special raffle ticket, separate from the regular raffle, for an exciting prize. You will share a great meeting and meal. Perhaps your friend will decide to become a member. We hope so!

JANUARY EVENTS

January’s general meeting was well attended; Carey Williams was the featured fly tyer, tying variations of the Hornberg. Dinner was a choice of poached farm-raised tilapia with a sweet peppercorn sauce or roasted tri-tip with sautéed portabellos and spinach with a bleu cheese sauce. Dave Loomis, fish biologist for the Umpqua Water District presented an enlightening program concerning Diamond Lake’s declining fish population and water quality. Gary Waller won the three piece 8 weight Anderson rod! It was a beauty.

Water flow on Jan. 18 for the Applegate outing was too high for good steelhead fishing. Nevertheless Steve Bonner explained how to read water, shared which flies and lines were normally used and helped with casting. Steve also demonstrated spey casting. Despite the cold weather, all had a good outing.

January 21 was the first Beginning Fly Tying class. Morris Fruitman taught the first segment; Carey Williams, with others, will teach the next seven sessions. Nineteen students were in attendance and eight club members assisted.
Recently my good friend Dick Butler gave me a phone call asking me to go fishing. It had been much too long since we had been out together. The next question was where to go. Dick favored the North Fork of Little Butte Creek. Since he had never fished this stream I agreed. I checked my fly boxes and my supply of dries was extremely limited. I looked in the Internet and found a fly that sounded good to me since it was tied with peacock herl. It was called Peg's Midge Dry. I tied a half dozen to a #18 hook, that was the smallest on my bench.

In a couple of days we were off, it is no more than an hour and half drive east on Hwy 140 and just below Fish Lake. This stream is just like the area described in Jeff Fox's article in the August newsletter. Not very wide at any point, running thru meadows with heavy weeds growing up to the edge, much of the area is marsh and very mushy. You need to watch your approach and keep an eye on the water as you will see Brookies working the surface. We had to keep a watchful eye around the structures along the banks as you may see a larger rainbow or Brook Trout striking at the surface.

We both got our lines wet and within a couple of casts the Brookies were hitting, nothing of any size as it was late in the season and the stream had already been heavily fished. We both had a good time and will be back, but next time earlier in the season.

If you would like to try a dry fly, this is a very good stream and area to try out. Yes, the peacock herl Peg’s Midge Dry did work and was the fly of our choice.

Jim Tehan

**Beginning Fly Tying Class**
Schedule of ongoing classes:
Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, ends 18.

**Rod Building Class Begins**
March 25 - Introduction
Instructor: Steve Godshall

So. Oregon Fly Tyers, February 22, 7-9 PM
Lion's Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

GALESVILLE RESERVOIR

Fearless Leader: Buck Woodburn

When: February 22, 2003

Meet: Denny's, north end of Grants Pass.

Time: 8am. Breakfast, organize car pool and caravan to site.

What to bring: This is winter lake fishing. Dress for the occasion. Bring float tubes, pontoons, prams, logs lashed together. Electric motors are ok! Gas is not. Gear calls for full sink lines, slime lines or whatever you use to get those flies down. Flies like RPB's, wooly buggers and leeches in #10's and #12's.

Note: Be sure to pack a lunch!

ROD BUILDING CLASS BEGINS

Steve Godshall will be teaching rod building this year and SOFF is now registering participants. If you are interested, please contact Steve either at the next meeting or telephone him. You will learn how to find the spine of the rod, where to place each ferrel, winding and how to epoxy all parts into place. You will learn handle selection and fabrication. Introductory class will be held March 25.

FEARLESS LEADER

For information contact:
Buck Woodburn
476-6668

See you there!

Teresa Kasza, Outings Chair
FLY TYING CORNER

FUZZY BROWN FLY

Member Richard Blake fishes Galesville frequently. I called and asked what fly he would recommend for this time of the year. He suggested prince nymphs and a fuzzy brown fly. Not having a name for it we will just call it a 'Fuzzy Brown Fly'. Tie it up and take it to our outing at Galesville Reservoir.

TYING GUIDE

• Place the hook in your vice and tie in the copper wire and the body material at the beginning of the curve.
• Wind your thread to the front of the hook and tie in the eye. Leave enough room to tie a neat thread head. Wind the body material forward and tie off behind the eyes. Counter wrap the copper wire to form segmentations. Tie off behind the eyes.
• Move your thread to the front of the eyes and form your head. Whip finish.
• Apply head cement if desired.

Note: Slowly troll or drift on the bottom. Best Galesville Resv. location: Where stream enters the lake at the east end, near downed trees.

Carey Williams

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOW

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Phone: Home (%) Work:______
Email:______________________________
**The Emerger**

Polarized glasses, I hate them. To be perfectly honest they humiliate me. If we were meant to see with Polarized vision then we would have been born with eyes like that. Picture me fishing the Holy Water, casting into the seam. First close, then gradually farther out. My fly moves with the current in a perfect drift. Nothing. Then jiggling. Nothing. The water appears perfect for fish. I adjust my custom, prescription, wrap around, bi-focal, polarized sun glasses and look into the water at the nearest rock. Out cruises a 14" trout, makes a pass and then slowly swims back into the rocks right where I have been casting. I take off my glasses and only see glare, I see nothing, not even the bottom. I have a great fly on my line, just tied. Why would that fish taunt me? What have I ever done to him or her? Ah, the frustration. I change my fly. To be honest I have a dresser drawer full of polarized glasses. Some are plastic. Not prescription. They all work. Wrap arounds, sporty, casual, good looking, bad looking, whatever. Who ever discovered them and why? Have you ever turned your head sideways, wearing them? They stop working. That means never, ever fish while laying down. Well, I never ever planned on doing that anyway. Not anymore. If you know someone that wants to do that make sure they do not wear polarized sunglasses.

I hate polarized glasses.

**Morris Fruitman**

**HABITAT**

2003 promises to be an active year for the club to support activities which restore and enhance fish habitat in our area. By participating in these activities, SOFF provides a valuable service to agencies and groups which depend on volunteers. Currently we work with the Middle Rogue Watershed Council (MRWC), Applegate River Watershed Council (ARWC), Foresty Action Committee (FAC) and ODFW's Upper Rogue STEP biologist, Chuck Fustish. Most recently, club members participated in salmon carcass distribution in West Evans Creek.

In the coming year SOFF will have the opportunity to participate in the following:

**March 1, 2003 - Forestry Action**
Tree planting in riparian areas of Illinois Valley

**2003 - Applegate River Watershed Council.** Restoration of habitat on Slate Creek through log and boulder placement as well as tree placement.

**2003 and beyond - Middle Rogue Watershed Council.** Jim Bauermeister has been hired to coordinate riparian tree planting.

Other activities will develop, such as possible fish rescue operations conducted by ODFW during low water conditions.

Habitat activities give club members a direct, hands-on way to make a difference in the health of our lakes, rivers, and the creatures they sustain.

Please contact Jim Tehan or Redge Heth if you would like to participate. Opportunities to sign up will be provided at club meetings.

**Redge Heth**

**COMING EVENTS**

- **2-6** 6:30 Board Meeting
- **2-11** 7:00 Fly Tying class
- **2-18** 7:00 Fly Tying class
- **2-20** 6:00 SOFF Gen. Meeting
- **2-21** Galesville Resv. outing
- **2-25** 7:00 Fly Tying class
- **2-26** 7:00 SOFF
- **2-28, 3-1 & 2** Sports Show, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- **3-4** 7:00 Fly Tying class
- **3-6** 6:30 Board Meeting
- **3-29** Applegate outing
- **4-19** Rogue outing
- **5-17** Holy Water outing

**ASK THE EXPERTS**

Member Ed Morphis suggested we start a column that would clarify or explain fly fishing terms or techniques either unknown or confusing that confront us on a daily basis. He has agreed to handle the column by referring questions to knowledgeable and/or experienced fishers with answers to appear in the newsletter. All members are invited to participate. Please send your questions to Ed at e-mail <edm@cpros.com>. The answers will appear in future columns.

**Bob Roberts tying at expo.**

Many of our own members tie at this event and several dozen of our members attend every year. The show is followed by a dinner and auction. Hope to see you there.
Editor's Notebook

Here it is February and you are reading the second newsletter since I became editor. You should be aware that I am writing this column in December of last year. Further, the editor of your paper is dependent on the Board and club members to submit articles and photos for the contents. That includes outings, fly of the month, notices of classes and more. When the newsletter is complete it then goes to the printer, in this case by the end of January, so that it can be mailed to you by the very first part of the next month, February. In that way you are able to receive your newsletter prior to the next meeting. However, it does not always work out that way as you already know. For Nancy and I it was a fast track learning experience on the club's new PC. You see we own a Mac. We also had to have a crash course in PageMaker and other programs we were not familiar with. By now we are old pros at the game. (And if you buy that, I have a nice bridge for you over the Rogue River. Cheap!) You should recognize that it takes much more than typing a few paragraphs on a page to get this out. I would like to thank those people that helped us get started and also Board members that dropped everything they were doing to meet the deadlines needed to get this newsletter written. Please let us know what you think and how we can make it better. The bottom line is, if there is a problem let us know. If you have a solution, suggest it. If you can do it better, step forward. If you want to help, volunteer. We are all donating our time and certainly open to suggestions. Write down your thoughts and give them to me at any meeting or send your ideas or comments via the internet.

If you are not a fly tyer or rod builder I would strongly urge you to look into the classes we offer. Also try to attend the workshops and seminars. Further, support our local guides if you can, they are the best.

All of these activities are an excellent way to expand your fly fishing skills. Above all, have fun fly fishing. That is what this is all about.

Morris Fruitman
(Nancy's husband)
Members Hit River Steelhead
BIG

Mark Swanburg
Kevin Daniels

GALESVILLE OUTING - WOW
What a beautiful day. There were light puffy clouds and a deep blue sky. After a nice breakfast in Grants Pass 18 caravaned to the reservoir and launched into the lake. Most had pontoon type boats and kicked to the river entry. A few scattered throughout the lake to test the waters. There was little or no breeze all day. Most caught 3/4 fish. Of note was the team of Fruitman-Fruitman and Butler. Butler caught 12 fish, Nancy, 16 and Morris, 19. Their total--47 fish. In addition they had two triples! All fish were in the 12 to 14” range. Needless to say the triples were a riot. This does not happen on every outing but it just might, on yours.

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John Edwards: Representative to Oregon FFF
President’s Message

The Northwest Fly Tying Expo happens this month, presented by the Oregon council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. This event attracts fly tiers from all over the United States; many of which are from the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. Imagine a large meeting hall filled with rows of tables with fly tiers at each available space. Every two hours each station will change and a new face appears. You can spend the complete day learning new techniques and seeing some of the greatest tiers in the nation. I find it difficult to watch each and every great tier working their talents. I try to pick a few tiers that I really want to watch and try and pick up a few pointers as they go about tying their favorite patterns. I try and watch someone new each year along with my favorites. There is also a silent auction going on all day long with many different items available for your bid, including boxes of flies tied by some of the best, a bucket raffle where you purchase some raffle tickets and place a ticket in the bucket next to the item you would like to win. Last year I was lucky and won two different items from the bucket raffle. There is also a group of tables where fly tying materials are sold at some great discounts.

Later in the evening there is a dinner and oral auction with some wonderful items to be auctioned. I’m looking forward to this day and hope to see many of you SOFF members in attendance.

Jim Tehan

Board Meeting Report

• Based on increased cost to SOFF from the Riverside Inn, dinner cost for members will be increased to $15.00. To more accurately forecast attendance at meetings, in order that the club does not have to subsidize lower than projected attendance, members will be questioned regarding their intent to attend the following month’s meeting.

• Bob Roberts will be handling a casting contest for youth on May 31, for the Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

• A $500 student scholarship at Southern Oregon University will be established by SOFF. The student selected will be majoring in Natural Resource Management, with an emphasis on fisheries.

• Joe and Charlotte Holzen are now handling the SOFF software items (not computer programs!). They have many new marketing strategies and have purchased several items.

MEMBERSHIP

Just another reminder to renew your SOFF membership for 2003. If you don’t pay before March 31, your name will not appear in the 2003 directory. Also as a reminder, business card size advertising is being sought for the 2003 Directory. This is for member businesses only. The cost is $25. Contact any Board member if interested.

Current Membership:
283 members, 73 families, 115 individuals, 19 lifetime members, 36 charter members.

Currently, over 200 newsletters are being mailed out each month, including mailings to businesses.

Dick Butler
Secretary/Membership

ATTENTION

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.

Next Board meetings will be March 6th and April 3rd at 6:30.

All members are welcome.
MARCH PROGRAM

MARCH MEETING

WHEN:
March 20, 2003

WHERE:
Riverside Conference Center
Grants Pass

TIMES:
6:00 PM
Social Hour and
Fly Tying Demonstration
7:00 PM
Meeting
7:30 PM
Dinner
with
Speaker to follow

Raffle to close evening
(Tickets are $1 or 6 for $5)

WHAT TO BRING:
Questions for the speaker
Don’t forget your name tag.
A fly for the fly box!
(Or $.50 for the kitty)

April program:
Fly Tying

In Memory of
Shirley Wicks
Died Feb.3, Creswell, OR
Our deepest sympathy to husband, Glenn
Sons, Ronald and Rodney

Scott Richmond

Published author, as well as editor of Westfly.com Scott also does magazine work and was the editor of Riverkeeper, the newsletter of Oregon Trout, for four years. His four book series on Fishing in Oregon includes: Best Fly Waters, Deschutes River, Cascade Lakes, and Endless Season. Scott lives in Clackamas County with his wife Barbara. He has two grown daughters and a host of pets plus, as his wife puts it, “More boats than seems reasonable”. We are looking forward to an interesting presentation and slide show as well.

GUEST NIGHT

This month is our annual Guest Night! If you bring a guest you BOTH will receive a Special Raffle Ticket, separate from the regular meeting raffle. The raffle will be for a drift boat trip for two (A $350 value). You can share a great meeting, introduce your guests to our members and then have a great meal. We are hopeful that your guest will decide to join our club when they see how much fun we have and what great members they meet. How about it? We are looking forward to it and we hope you are too.

April Program

The April meeting will be the annual member’s fly tying night. This is a good time to show off your talents. If you are a new tyer and would like to have some one-on-one instruction, I’m sure there will be members who will help you if you come and tie. If you don’t wish to tie you will learn by observing other tyers. Experienced tyers are welcome to come and tie and show new techniques and the use of new materials. Please contact Carey Williams at (541) 597-2205 if you are interested in tying. I need to arrange for space and make placards, so please let me know as soon as possible.

Carey Williams

There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a gentleness of spirit and a pure serenity of mind.
Washington Irving
CASTING ABOUT

A DAY ON THE LAKE

Another crowded day at Lost Creek Lake. Two other boats sighted thus far. Probably the bad weather over the last several days. No wind, temperatures in the 50’s, the sun is out with broken clouds and deep blue sky. There is a slight ripple on the water but it is mostly like glass. Trolling with a fly is not all that bad. Feet up, trolling motor noiseless and . . . . a strike! Unfortunately, not on my rod. My partner (Editor: read Morris) quickly hauls in a nice 14” rainbow. He repeats this act twice more before I begin to get irritable. I switch to the same fly he is using. Bingo! I knew it wasn’t skill that was making the difference. Why was it a green fly last year but not this? We troll for a couple more hours, with about 20 hookups between us (Editor: read......oh, never mind.). All but one trout was in the 12” -15” range. Could it get any better? Here in paradise? I think not.

Dick Butler

SOFF WEAR

Take advantage of great values:(Compare!)

Swiss embroidered patch: $5.00

Hats

Caps, Assorted colors: $14.00

Lapel pin: $5.00

T-shirts

Short sleeve: $10.00

Long sleeve: 15.00

Fly Boxes

Small: $5.00

Large: 7.00

Club decal: $3 ea or 2/$5

Polo Shirts

Assorted colors: $25.00

Contact: Charlotte or Joe Holzen

Look for the display at every meeting.

BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS

Schedule of ongoing classes:
March 4, 11, ends 18.

Rod Building Class Begins
March 25 - Introduction
Instructor: Steve Godshall

So. Oregon Fly Tyers, March 26, 7-9 PM
Lion’s Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Applegate River

March 29, 2003

Meet: Lulubelles, Murphy
Down Hwy 238
Seven miles south of Grants Pass, Murphy

Time: 8am, breakfast and logistics.

Fearless Leader: Jeff Fox, member/guide.

Bring: Waders, 6wt. rods and floating lines, 9’ leaders, tippets-1x or larger. These steelies are not leader shy and we are looking at 10 pounds or more.

Bring various nymphs, larger weighted nymphs and smaller unweighted nymphs for droppers. Types of flies include Prince, ice nymphs, flashbacks, hare’s ear or similar. Pack a lunch if you plan on getting hungry.

We will go wherever the fish are. Upper or lower Applegate. It is very important to sign-up for this outing at the March meeting. Expected numbers will dictate direction, possible driftboat use or small group fishing at different spots. Last year there was a lot of exciting sight fishing. Hope to see you there!

Teresa Kasza, Outings Chair
862-2086

ROD BUILDING CLASS BEGINS

Steve Godshall will be teaching rod building this year and SOFF is now registering participants. If interested, please contact Steve either at the next meeting or telephone him. You will learn how to find the spine of the rod, where to place each ferrel, winding and how to epoxy all parts into place. You will learn handle selection.

Fly Tying Class a Success

This year’s fly tying class is a roaring success. Over 24 have registered for the class and includes men, women and children. Instructors from the club have included, so far: Carey Williams, Fly Chair, Morris Fruitman and Steve Godshall. The classes began with a simple salmon egg and will progress to more complicated wet flies. Many other members have volunteered their time to assist in class instruction and help the beginners move quickly through their elementary skills into the critical area of material handling, dimensions and thread control. Club members are invited to attend classes to assist or observe. If you are not already a fly tyer you might want to consider joining the fun next year. Remember, many of our club tyers will be demonstrating their skills at the Fly Tying Expo in Eugene on March 22.
FLY TYING CORNER

Hornberg

This month’s Fly of the Month is another variation on the Hornberg. This fly works in both flowing and still water. When fished in smaller sizes it can be fished as a dry fly to imitate a caddis fly. When fished wet, especially in the larger sizes, it does a good job of imitating a minnow or other food fish. I have had excellent success with this fly all over North America.

Carey Williams

MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN FLY TYING EXPOSITION

Mark March 22 on your calendar to attend the Fly Tying Expo in Eugene. Held at the Fair Grounds the Expo will host over 170 fly tyers from all over the country. Our own members will not only tie but will help put on the event. Tyers include: John Edwards, Gerald James, Marlon Rampy, Steve Godshall, Steve Bonner, Morris Fruitman, Bruce Bachman, Carey Williams, Dennis Nagel, Ray Slusser, Bob Roberts and Rusty Randall. Brad Carr, son of member Don Carr will also be tying. Nancy Fruitman and Vera Edwards will be selling FFF memberships and Oregon Council FFF items such as tyer videos, fly pattern books, expo pins and more. Vera and Nancy will also be ‘Pitch Gals’ at the oral auction to be held after dinner. The event begins at 9am and tyers tie for two hour sessions. Attendees visit any tyer they desire. There are also silent auctions, raffles and several sales booths open. Entry to the event is $5.00. Dinner is extra. The oral auction follows dinner.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS STILL DUE

ADVERTISERS WANTED

Club Members (only) can advertise their private business in the 2003 Membership Directory. Fee? $25 Business card size. Contact a Board member for info.

Membership Renewal

- Regular........................................ $25.00
- Family......................................... $35.00
- Youth.......................................... $5.00
- Contributing................................. $50.00
- Lifetime (Individual)....................... $250.00
- Lifetime (Couple)........................... $350.00

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NO CASTING INSTRUCTION at the Casting Pond until further notice, pending improved weather. It won’t be long now.........
The Emerger
I love Fish Finders. They are smart, clever and entertaining. Most tell you how deep the bottom is, where the fish are, what the water temperature is and what speed you are going. Mine beeps when it locates a large fish and 'breeps' when the depth makes a major change. Sometimes it is hard to tell a beep from a breep. My partner will say 'Is that a big fish? No, it is a change of depth.'

Oh, OK. Is that a change of depth? No, that is a big fish. How deep is the fish? 125'. It drives my fishing buddies crazy. That is the fun part of it. All of this is vital information, unfortunately you cannot use it. Let me clarify that point. My fish finder is a super duper jiffy model with add on extras to make sure I can find the fish.

It has not helped me catch a fish yet. The last time a friend and I went out he said, and I quote, "Is there anything on the finder? No. Good, then maybe we will catch a fish."

Yes, we caught a fish. Another thing, the finder does show when a fish is directly under the boat or close to the sides. I have not as yet perfected casting my fly directly under the boat. On the other hand, when fishing is really slow I just watch the finder. There they are, 50 or 60' deep or much deeper. My finder beeps 'Big Fish, Big Fish' and I just laugh. Then I think, if I can just tie a fly big enough along with a really fast sinking line........

Morris Fruitman

GREAT EXPERIENCE
Do you need a change in your routine, education mixed with good friendship, even a little laughter? Try attending a SOFF Board meeting. Joe and I attended the Feb. meeting. We were impressed with the orderly manner Jim Tehan conducted the meeting. We had no idea so many items could be covered in such a short time with resolution. There was focus, laughter and interaction. There could not be much difference between the US Senate or Congress and SOFF has to discuss many important items affecting so many people. Think about sitting in, it is a great experience and you will feel welcome and a part of the group. We think it is wonderful that they all enthusiastically volunteer their time. Thank you for all your time and work SOFF Board!

Charlotte-Joe Holzen

COMING EVENTS
3-4 7:00 Fly Tying class
3-6 6:30 Board Meeting
3-18 Last Fly Tying Class
3-20 6:00 SOFF Gen. Meeting
3-22 Fly Tying Expo., Eugene
3-25 Rod Building Class Begins
3-26 Fly Tyers meet, Medford
3-29 Applegate River Outing
4-16 6:00 SOFF Gen. Meeting
4-19 Rogue River Outing
5-10 Women's Fly Casting, Casting Pond
5-17 Holy Water Outing
6-7 Women's Fly Fishing/ Beg. Fly Fishing Seminar- Holy Water
6-21 Klamath River Outing
7-26 Union Creek Outing
8-23 Klamath Basin Outing

HABITAT CORNER
You've planted trees along watercourses to prevent erosion, provide shade to lower water temperatures during hot months, and to provide protective cover for aquatic and streamside life. Maybe you've even tossed a few smelly salmon carcasses into spawning areas to provide nutrients to stream lifeforms. Perhaps you've rescued fry and smolts from drying watercourses. These are indeed vital and meaningful activities which allow us to make direct impacts on the waterlife and watersheds we all cherish. But what are some other possible activities which not only allow us to be of help, but also to learn and perhaps teach more about the life of rivers and fish? Here are a few identified by the ODFW biologists and officials of the Fish Enhancement and Restoration Board and Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program (F&E/STEP):

Aquatic habitat surveys, fish population surveys, spawning surveys, stream structural restoration or enhancement, identification of barriers to fish migration, hatchery support activities, educational efforts in schools, follow up and monitoring the results of habitat activities. Many of these activities require that the volunteer be carefully trained by the supervisors involved. If you enjoy learning and enhancing your own understanding of something you care a great deal about, consider being a SOFF habitat volunteer.

Redge Heth
Fishing is fun. That is just my opinion. It is not to see who can get the biggest fish, which is fun in itself, but it is sharing experiences with friends. Because of a bad shoulder I can only cast for a short period of time. Spey casting is out of the question although some insist that is the answer. Right now I am leaning towards lake fishing. That, for me, means either a pontoon or a power boat. To some that means I am not really fly fishing, or, what I am doing does not count. Maybe, but tell that to the rainbows and the nice brown I caught last week. The rod? A six weight Sage I tied under the tutelage of Bob Roberts a number of years ago. The flies? Tied regularly at home after several tying classes from the club when I first joined SOFF. Fun? You bet. The scenery is first class and the lake crowd free. Travel time, 15 minutes.

I was born in Los Angeles and raised in Hollywood. After volunteering for military service at age 18, I discovered there were places I liked much better then crowded LA. Southern Oregon is where I finally set my anchor. Whether you cast a fly line in a stream or on a lake, use a float or pontoon boat, prefer a boat and motor, it does not really matter. The beauty of the outdoors, preservation of our precious wildlife, the country we live in, the lifestyle, the greenery, or just the marine life and the challenge of the sport, that is what really matters. Just to be here. 

Morris Fruitman

Letters to the Editor (New feature)

Dear Editor,
I recently received your newsletter and while enjoyable on the whole, there was one article that I did not get. The Emerger. What was the writer trying to say here? Does the glare from his glasses bother the fish? It sounds like he needs the Polarized glasses in order to fish better?

Being too cheap to afford Polarized sunglasses, I may take him up on his offer of “free” glasses, I think they are cool.

After reading the article, my conclusion is he is an old man who is out of his time - perhaps I should send him a nice set of bifocals.

All-N-All a well put together newsletter.
Signed - Loyal Fan  Jack

Editor: First of all, you were never offered a free set of sun glasses. Next, if you read the article closely you would have noted I was wearing excellent polarized bifocals.

PS: Stop writing letters to the editor, son- No “free” glasses.
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Tony Brauner, FFF President, and member, plus Vera Edwards working FFF booth

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President's Message

Habitat programs and education have been and continue to be high priority goals of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. In the January issue of Osprey, a newsletter published by the steelhead committee of the Federation of Fly Fishers, I especially enjoyed an article, Hatchery/Wild Steelhead Interactions, written by Curt Kraemer of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The article was broken into a number of broad categories including overfishing, masking the status of the wild population, predation, competition and generic impacts. In summary, he discussed naturally spawning hatchery fish in wild populations and the potential reduction in the productivity of the wild population. With the shortfall in government budgets I'm sure these agencies will be looking for more help from volunteers such as the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. Let's get out and help Rudge and Mike run the best habitat program in Oregon!

Jim Tehan

Board Meeting Report

The Board of Directors met on March 6th. All members were present.
• A committee will be formed to offer various club programs to youth of the community.
• SOFF Wear sales are up considerably this year, thanks to Joe and Charlotte Holzen.
• Fly Tying class going well, only two more nights remain for this year's class. Tyers are needed for the April fly tying night.
• Duane Chebul has been approved to handle the SOFF web site.
• Membership cards will be provided to club members on an annual basis.
• Bob Roberts will chair an education committee to establish guidelines and procedures for the various classes and clinics offered by the club.

Membership

Please welcome the following new members to SOFF: Rudolf Rugenstein, Robert Trowbridge, Maurene Monteleone, Kevin O'Malley, Gary and Peggy Shontz, Dale and Norma Townsend, John and Vicki Hendy, Ed and Ann Lyneis, Don and Gigi Sortwell, Jim and Jean Buck, E.T. and Jane Moore, Brad Taylor, Nancy Counts, Vicki Schoenleber, Gary Kluoda, Sid Herzog, Gerry James, Wayne Vautier and Michelle Hanten.

Current membership is as follows: 286 total members with 74 families, 19 lifetime members, 36 charter members and 119 individual members. Don't forget, March 31 is the deadline to renew your SOFF membership if you want to be listed in the 2003 Directory. Please alert me to any information that needs changing.

Dick Butler

Attention Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.

Next Board meetings will be April 3rd and May 1st at 6:30.
All members are welcome.
Fly Tying
The April meeting will be the Annual member fly tying night. There will be over 15 members tying ranging from beginners to accomplished tyers. Come watch the experts and learn some new tricks or work with a new tyer and give them some constructive suggestions. If you are interested in tying on members night call Carey at 597-2205.

ASK THE EXPERTS
QUESTION: What is meant by the terms “sink-tip”, “shooting head” and “running line”?
ANSWER: “Sink-tip” refers to a particular type of fly line that is a combination of basic floating line with a 5-20’ front section of sinking line, hence the name sink-tip. The sink tip is not an add-on; rather the line is manufactured to be a single line. A shooting head is normally added on to a running line. A running line is some sort of slick line filling the reel, normally mono (many people like to use Amnesia which is supposed to have less curl). A shooting head, which is a heavier line approximately 30-35’ long, is attached to the front of the running line. Shooting heads come in the ordinary variety of sink ratings, and it is usual to have a variety of these in your pocket. The best way to cast this is to get the shooting head completely outside the guides. (“Running line” is also used to refer to the back level section of a long weight forward fly line.)

QUESTION: What the heck do magazine articles mean by “greased line” in these modern times? I know the term comes from earlier usage to refer to silk lines that had to be greased to make them float. Does it simply refer to floating line now?
ANSWER: You are right. “Greased line” appears to be nothing other than a picturesque way of referring to floating line.

Ed Morphis
edm@cpros.com or 471-0086

Auction ‘Fund Raiser’ Event
Coming to your club meeting this fall!
Don Carr, this year’s auction chairman, has kicked off his efforts with naming members of his committee. The auction is once again scheduled for the October meeting and is the club’s main fund raiser. If you have an interest in helping, contact Don at the next meeting.
Tony Brauner representing Federation of Fly Fishers

Jackson County Outdoor Show
February 28 - March 1 & 2, 2003
Many club members tied and spoke to potential members about fly fishing and joining the club.

Mike and Marilyn Canet tying for SOFF

SOFF WEAR
Take advantage of great values: (Compare!)

Swiss embroidered patch:
$5.00

Lapel pin: $5.00

Hats
Caps, Assorted colors:
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T-shirts
Short sleeve: $10.00
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Fly Boxes
Small: $5.00
Large: 7.00

Polo Shirts
Assorted colors: $25.00

Tote Bags
Tote Bag: $7.50

Club decal:
$3 ea or 2/$5

Contact: Charlotte or Joe Holzen
Look for the display at every meeting.

Rod Building Class Begins
March 25 - Introduction
Instructor: Steve Godshall

SOFT
So. Oregon Fly Tyers, April 23, 7-10 PM
Contact: Morris Fruitman
Lion's Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

WADIN’ THE ROGUE

April 19, 2003
Meet at Shari’s Restaurant, 8 am
Breakfast and Briefing

Bring: Waders that don’t leak. 4 to 7 wt. rods with floating line and long leaders, or, slime line. 3x tippets are fine, steelhead do not seem leader shy. Don’t forget lunch and water. Teresa’s favorite fly, Carey Special. Jim tends toward the Red Ant. Both agree that nymphs never lose. Prince, Pheasant Tail and this issue’s Brindle Bug or just about anything with peacock hurl will do just fine.

Note: We will know more when we meet. The river is unpredictable so we cannot forecast the stretch we will be fishing. Our goal is to introduce people to some new spots wader accessible, not hard to reach and hopefully productive. See you there.

Teresa 862-2086

Holy Water, June 7

Beginning Fly Fishing
Hosted by Mike Trask
Excellent clinic for those new to fly fishing and those who wish to learn more or review basics.

Women’s Fly Fishing
Hosted by Cathy Tronquet
Clinic ‘For women only’. Get some instruction from the best in fly fishing

Note: Both clinics will be held on the same day and location in the hopes of fishing while the salmon fly hatch is on.

Women’s Fly Casting Clinic

Again this year SOFF will include a women’s fly casting clinic to be held May 10 at the casting pond located in All Sports Park. This year the event will be hosted by Dennis and Judy Nagel. Dennis is a local guide working the Rogue and Klamath Basin, club member and an excellent instructor. Judy has a great talent for teaching casting and is a final contender in all events she has entered in casting ability. Both are charter members of SOFF. All women in SOFF are welcome to take this class and learn from what we believe are two of the greatest.

May 10, 2003
10am to 2pm
Casting Pond, Grants Pass, All Sports Park
Sign up at meeting!
**FLY TYING CORNER**

**RECIPE**

- **Hook:** Mustad 36890 or similar
- **Thread:** Black or brown
- **Tail:** Two divided brown hackle tips
- **Body:** Black or brown and yellow variegated chenille
- **Collar:** Brown hackle

In the March 1998 issue of the SOFF newsletter Jeff Fox recommended the Brindle Bug as a good fly for steelhead fishing. This fly was created by Lloyd Silvius of Eureka, CA. He introduced it to the flyfishing world in 1960. The fly is very effective on most all trout species. Fish it as you would a nymph; it is listed in some tying manuals as a wet fly but was originated to be a nymph. Note: This fly is often weighted with lead wire as an underbody. When tying this fly put the first wrap of chenille under the tail to cock it up at an angle to the shank of the hook.

*Carey Williams*

**Fly Tying Class**

The 2003 Beginning Fly Tying Class is over. The students learned over twenty five methods demonstrated by teachers. At least one new material was introduced each week. My thanks to the students for taking the class and thanks to Steve Godshall and Morris Fruitman for teaching sessions. Their expertise added a change to my teaching style. Also thanks to John Edwards, Bob Roberts, Jim Tehan, Kevin Daniels, Rusty Randall, Nancy Fruitman, Teresa Kasza, Beth Williams, Joe Holzen and many others. Due to the volunteer help and their dedication, the 2003 class was a success. My thanks to all of you.

*Carey Williams*

*All men are created equal before fish.*  
*Herbert Hoover*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Membership Renewal**

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- Youth: $5.00
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- Lifetime (Couple): $350.00

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COMING EVENTS
4-3 6:30 Board Meeting
4-17 6:00 SOFF General Meeting
4-19 Rogue River Outing
4-23 Tyers (SOFT) Meet Medford
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7-26 Union Creek Outing
8-23 Klamath Basin Outing
9-14 Annual BBQ and Picnic
9-20 Agness Outing
10-16 AUCTION
10-18 Rogue Float Outing
11-22 Holy Water Clinic/Outing

HABITAT CORNER

A JOB WELL DONE!
SOFF has once again contributed to the restoration and enhancement of a stretch of Sucker Creek, a major tributary to the Illinois River. On March 1, 2003, a day when volunteers planted 5000 trees throughout the Illinois River watershed, a team of 21 volunteers, headed by ten SOFF members, planted 500 trees. A dozen species ranging from willows to pines were planted from water to upland banks. In more than a decade, hundreds of sites have been planted throughout the Illinois River watershed. SOFF members accomplished their task in two hours.

Thanks to the following members for being a part of this habitat activity: Mike and Marilyn Canet, Jim Bignall, John Easterbrook, John Lemon, Ned and Donna Snyder, Beth Williams, Jim Tehan and Redge Heth.

A recent study by National Marine Fisheries Service has concluded that recent outstanding returns of anadromous fish to Pacific coast rivers were due to unusually favorable conditions in the marine habitat. The conclusion is that river habitat conditions are still the key factor in future fish runs. SOFF continues efforts revived by Jim Tehan toward that goal.

Redge Heth

(Cooking Corner: If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share with the club please submit it along with a photo, if available, to co-editor, Nancy Fruitman. Photos can be returned and recipes will be used as space permits. Credits will be given.)

Nancy Fruitman

BAKED BBQ SALMON
4 salmon fillets
1/4 cup butter
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/4 cup ketchup
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
4 teaspoons soy sauce
Dash of worcestershire sauce
Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Place fillets in a baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients and heat to simmer, do not boil. Pour mixture over salmon and bake 30-35 minutes @ 350.

From: A Collection of Fruitman Family Cooking Traditions.

Nancy Fruitman
In my humble opinion this is the most beautiful month of the year. Don't get me wrong, there are so many incredible times of the year here it was hard to select April. In fact I did not really select this month it just happened. Just look around, the rivers are full, the lakes are high, wildflowers everywhere, fields are green, trees are all leafed out and everything is blooming. Breathtaking. Water is bluer, rivers clearer and the nights are cool and the days are warm. Whether you wade or drift, float or walk, fishing is a delight. To catch fish, get up early and fish late, or get up late and end early. It just does not seem to matter. What is that old saying, "The worst day fishing is better than the best day working." Now don't get me wrong, I am not asking those of you still working to quit or retire. What this club does is pretty good, whether you are working or not. Speaking about not working, I am retired. Nevertheless, I manage to keep busy. That evil question always arises when in the company of those still gainfully employed, "What do you do to keep busy?" Oh my, how do you answer that? I fish, a lot? Weed? Woodwork? Honeydo's? (OK, there are a lot of those....). I usually stutter a little, scratch my head and walk away. In reality I have never been so busy in my life. What about you? Say, you don’t have some time on your hands do you? Join the club in conservation efforts, teaching youngsters to fly fish, tie flies or build their own fly rod. Help in a club BBQ, workshop, seminar, auction or scouts. Why not?

Morris Fruitman

Morris and Nancy Fruitman, Editors
Fearless Leader, Teresa Kasza, showing member Judy Wolff the location of the outing and style of fishing required, plus flies recommended.

APRIL FIELD TRIP

Well, we certainly grabbed one of the prettier days of this rainy season. Though the waters were high, eighteen brave souls gathered at Shari's for a breakfast bite and a game plan for wadin' the Rogue.

First to the Valley of the Rogue rest stop where some easy access points to the river were shared. Teresa and a small group agreed to meet at Tou Velle next and Jim Tehan and the other half went to Dodge Bridge and the Takelma pull out.

The Tou Velle gang decided it was a gorgeous day to play so we suited up and headed out. A few of us hooked into some small trout but Bob Shuck, doing the chuck and duck hooked and landed a 20 inch steelhead on a prince nymph dropper. Over at Takelma, Sonja Nisson had two takes but ultimately both got away. Martha Koch headed up to the Holy Water and landed herself a fine trout.

Teresa Kasza
President’s Message

These days the population has greatly increased while the area of waters to fish has not. This causes us to share the waters with many more and the numbers of those fishing increase each year. It has become important to show some etiquette while fishing. This has always been practiced by Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.

In the late 40’s I lived in Willits, California, a small northern logging town located in a valley with numerous streams, creeks, and brooks. As a young lad I enjoyed the outdoors, mainly fishing small streams and creeks of the area, catching many trout—all wild Rainbow and some Brook. There was a group of 4 of us all the same age who enjoyed spending the spring and summer fishing. My rod consisted of a willow branch with a short section of braided linen line. Attached was my one and only fly, a Royal Coachman. The other 3 all had rods cut from the same willow bush. Methods of fishing varied and we each had our own special technique. During this time, the 4 of us spent many a day fishing and rarely did we share the water with others. We could go for days without seeing a single person fishing. We were able to walk the stream regardless of who owned the property, often sharing our catch with those who lived on the land. These were great times I will never forget.

Recently the Federation of Fly Fishers adopted a Code of Angling Ethics. There are 9 behaviors that comprise their code and are available to be read in the Spring 2003 issue of the Oregon Fly Fisher. I have followed all 9 of these behaviors since I began fishing, and I believe these are important to include in all our educational classes and to begin teaching to the youth of our area. I have ordered a large quantity of business card size of the “Code of Angling Ethics” from the Federation of Fly Fishers. These will be distributed at all our monthly meetings and included in all classes. I strongly feel that if we can reach the youth and continue these teachings, we eventually will have most everyone fishing our area following this code.

Jim Tehan

Some days you’re the bug....
Some days the windshield!

Anonymous

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The Board of Directors met April 3rd.
• John Edwards was approved to teach the 2004 Fly Tying Class. The fee will be $30 and will be held at River Valley Community Church.
• The two OSU students awarded SOFF scholarships were selected. They are Lindsay Carlson and Toby Carlson (no relation). They will be invited to a future SOFF meeting.
• Members who have not paid their 2003 SOFF dues were removed from the membership list. The Directory will go to print in April.
• The Education committee consists of: Ed Morphis, Gary Miller, Cathy Tronquet, Bob Roberts, John Edwards and Jim Tehan.

Dick Butler

RAFFLE CHAIRMAN

Dave Russell

ATTENTION!
Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.
Next meetings will be May 1st and June 5th at 6:30.
All members are welcome.
Speaker

Marlon is a fly fishing guide on one of Oregon's premiere Trophy Trout waters: The Klamath Basin. The Klamath Basin is a system of lakes and spring-fed rivers that produce some of the largest native rainbow trout in the Lower 48. Marlon is also a charter member of SOFF. From May thru October, Marlon lodges on the banks of the Williamson River, his river of choice for its challenging fishing and its reward of truly sizeable fish. Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for over ten years, the last three seasons working out of the Lonesome Duck Lodge.

Buck Woodburn

· NEXT MEETING ·

Jeff Morgan, Westfly.com

April Meeting

Marlon Rampy - Speaker & Tyer

WHEN: May 15, 2003
WHERE: Riverside Conference Center Grants Pass

TIMES:
6:00 PM Social Hour and Fly Tying
7:00 PM Meeting
7:30 PM Dinner followed by program
Raffle to close evening

Bring questions for speaker, your name tag and a fly for the 'raffle flies'.

Marlon Rampy presents his program using a multi-media composition with plenty of excellent photos, sound, scenery and yes, even a few large fish. His presentation also includes educational tools and techniques to enhance your angling experience in Southern Oregon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the fly tyers who gave their time and effort to demonstrate their skills and provide the rest of the members with another great member's night. My thanks to the following: Steve Bonner, Bruce Bochman, Al Brunell, Paul Cook, Morris Fruitman, Steve Godshall, David Haight, Cathy Hamilton, Don Joslyn, Dennis Nagel, Rusty Randall, Marlon Rampy, Bob Roberts, Don Sortwell, Josh White and Randy White. Again, thank you all for a job well done!

Carey Williams
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The SOFF Board of Directors has decided to form a committee that will review all phases of the education programs now being provided to our membership and also to the general public when that involvement is included. The goal is to establish guidelines that will be adopted for each program to assure that knowledgeable instructional practices are followed. The committee will present their recommendations to the board for final approval. The following members have agreed to serve on the committee: Cathy Tronquet, Jim Tehan, Gary Miller, Ed Morphis, John Edwards and Bob Roberts.

Bob Roberts, Chairman

WELCOME!

New members: Allison and Tim Ayars

Don Carr
Auction Chairman

This is the time of year that planning and letter writing is begun for our club’s annual auction. As all of the members do know, the auction is our only fund raiser and is needed to provide speakers, clinics, scholarships, along with other benefits. The end result for the amount of money raised is a direct reward of the time spent by members joining in on the auction committee. The committee is forming now and has a place for each of you—acquiring donations, contacting prior donors, collecting and working with art work, marking donated items, letter writing, mailing of auction materials, setting up auction tables, and many other projects. Decide which area you can best help and sign up. Where? At the general meeting or contact Don Carr or any board member.

WANTED-FLY TYERS

Any club tyers who can and will tie a dozen flies for the annual auction, please do so and give them to Carey Williams. Put the flies in a ziplock or other container with your name and I will get them boxed and labeled. The sooner the better, as all items must be entered in the auctioneer’s computer and doing it early insures a successful auction. Thank you in advance. Carey Williams

Rod Building Class Underway
Instructor: Steve Godshall
Class Full
Ends: May 27

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, May 28, 7-9 PM
Lion’s Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Med.
Contact: Morris Fruitman 878-8038
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

HOLY WATERS ARE A HATCHIN’

Saturday, May 17th
Riversedge Park, Near Holy Water
1:00PM to Sunset

Well, it’s that time again. Our spring BBQ and get together. Will it be salmonflies or the caddis hatch? This early, probably caddis and maybe mayflies. Quite a treat if there are early salmonflies. Either way it’s great fun!

We will have a BBQ set up, so bring something to throw on the grill. The club will provide condiments and maybe a few side dishes. Folks are always welcome to bring a salad, dessert, or other side dish to share. The best fishing seems to be at dusk, so plan to stay. Stewart State Park is just up the road and is a great spot to camp.

BRING: Waders or hip boots, 3-6wt. rods. Be prepared for a caddis fly hatch. They’re quite tan in color up there and size 16-18 elk hair caddis will do just fine. Use a 10-12 foot leader for them. If salmonflies are used, then an 8 foot leader with salmonflies tied on #8 for closed cell foam bodies or #6 for macrame bodies, either way tied on long shank hooks. Any other questions, feel free to call Teresa at 862-2086.

Teresa Kasza

Holy Water, June 7
BEGINNING FLY FISHING
Hosted by Mike Trask
Excellent clinic for those new to fly fishing and those who wish to learn more or review basics.

WOMEN’S FLY FISHING
Hosted by Cathy Tronquet
Clinic ‘For women only’. Get some instruction from the best in fly fishing

Note: Both clinics will be held on the same day and location in the hopes of fishing while the salmon fly hatch is on. Register at the May meeting.

WOMEN’S FLY CASTING CLINIC
Again this year SOFF will include a women’s fly casting clinic to be held May 10 at the casting pond located in All Sports Park. This year the event will be hosted by Dennis and Judy Nagel. Dennis is a local guide working the Rogue and Klamath Basin, club member and an excellent instructor. Judy has a great talent for teaching casting and is a final contender in all events she has entered in casting ability. Both are charter members of SOFF. All women in SOFF are welcome to take this class and learn from what we believe are two of the greatest.

May 10, 2003
10am to 2pm
Casting Pond, Grants Pass, All Sports Park

Ready to go: Debbi, Carol and Kim
SOFF NEWS May, 2003

FLY TYING CORNER

RECIPE
Hook: Tiemco 5262 #6 or similar
Thread: Black
Body: Orange Foam
Tail: Brown or black goose biots
Thorax: Orange foam
Wing: Tan or clear ethafoam (may be colored with permanent marker)
Legs: Black or brown rubberlegs

Salmon Fly Pattern

Secure a sewing needle parallel in your vise. Take a strip of orange foam 1/4” wide and fold in half. At the bend of the fold put the foam on the needle so that it is centered in the width and length. Take about ten loose turns of thread of the needle. Tie in the tails over this thread. Fold the body material over the hook so half is on top and half is on the bottom. Make sure the body material goes between the biot tails so they are divided. Begin segmenting the foam using the tying thread to make increasing in size body segments. After 8 or 9 segments slip the foam off the needle and insert the point of the hook in the center of the bottom body foam. Insert hook in vise and continue segmenting body. After 2 segments put some adhesive on the hook (Head cement will do.). Tie next segment and then tie in a couple of rubberlegs. Tie in another body segment and then another set of rubber legs. Tie in another segment. Then tie a small segment to create a head. Clip off excess foam material from the bottom only. Tie in wing material. Fold remaining foam from the top of thorax back over the wing tie in point and tie down in segment crease. Tone the top and bottom of the fly body and thorax with brown Permanent Marker.

This fly is impossible to sink without adding a lot of weight. Remember when fishing it that the females when they are laying eggs smack the water pretty hard so a delicate presentation is not necessary. However, it is still possible to line scare a fish so don’t make long casts to start. Work in close and then increase casting distance gradually until you are at the end of your longest cast.

Carey Williams

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

Membership Form

Please make checks payable to: SOFF and mail to: PO Box 1144, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

☐ Regular...........................................$25.00
☐ Family...........................................$35.00
☐ Youth.............................................$5.00
☐ Contributing.................................$50.00
☐ Lifetime (Individual).........................$250.00
☐ Lifetime (Couple).............................$350.00

Name(s): ____________________________
Address: _____________________________
City: __________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone: Home ( ) Work: ( )
Email: ________________________________
Personal interests:
**COMING EVENTS**

- **5-1** 6:30 Board Meeting
- **5-10** Women's Fly Casting, Casting Pond
- **5-15** 6:00 SOFF General Meeting
- **5-17** 1:00-Dusk Holy Water Outing
- **5-28** 7:00 SOFT Meeting
- **6-5** 6:30 Board Meeting
- **6-7** Women's Fly Fishing/Beg. Fly Fishing Seminar, Holy Water Pond
- **6-19** 6:00 SOFF General Meeting
- **6-21** Klamath River Outing
- **7-26** Union Creek Outing
- **8-23** Klamath Basin Outing
- **9-14** Annual BBQ and Picnic
- **9-20** Agness Outing
- **10-16** AUCTION
- **10-18** Rogue Float Outing
- **11-22** Holy Water Clinic/Outing
- **1-1-04** Holy Water Chili Feed

**COOKING CORNER**

**HOLY WATER CHILI BEANS**

1 cup Diced ham, cooked
1 lb. Hamburger, lean
1 can Kidney beans, 15 oz.
1 Onion, diced
1/2 Green bell pepper, diced
1 can Mexican style salsa, 15 oz.
1 tsp Chili powder
Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
1 Tbsp Corn Oil

Saute onions and peppers in oil. Brown hamburger in onions and peppers. Add remainder of ingredients and simmer for one hour. Sprinkle your choice of crumbled Fritos, diced onions, grated cheese or avocado on top. Drizzle with fresh lime juice!

Make your mouth water? Solve that with your favorite adult beverage.

*Morris Fruitman*

**ARWC Works to Restore Fish Habitat in Slate Creek Watershed**

“What did you do during the fight to save our wild fish, Grandpa and Grandma?” For help with an answer, read on...

The Applegate River Watershed Council has applied for a grant to restore and enhance the Slate Creek watershed to benefit wild coho, chinook and steelhead. In cooperation with Siskiyou National Forest and Medford BLM, a preliminary analysis and assessment of the health of the watershed has begun. The study reveals that only 12% of the riparian area examined has sufficient vegetation, both instream and streamside, and that the stream lacks complexity and sinuosity vital to healthy fish habitat.

Areas upstream of the targeted streams have benefitted from previous placement of woody structure in the stream channels. The work now proposed will continue restoration downstream in areas of private property. Landowners have expressed a desire and willingness to develop projects on their properties, amounting to some 8000 feet of stream.

The project will take place over a five year period, beginning in 2003. Placement of boulders and logs will create variance in stream velocities and directions. The scouring action of these placements will result in pools and gravel deposits for spawning fish.

Riparian areas will be restored and enhanced by plantings.

In addition, to SNF and BLM help, ODOT will provide heavy equipment, logs and boulders, ODFW project design and logistics, and OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) assistance in planting and monitoring.

By being a SOFF volunteer in helping bring this project to fruition, you will be able to answer that grandchild, “I answered the call, child. I answered the call. Let’s go fishing!”

*Redge Heth*

**MEMBERSHIP**

The 2003 Directory has gone to the printer and should be ready for distribution at the May meeting. Currently, SOFF has the following membership totals:

- Total Members: 284
- Family Memberships: 76
- Lifetime Memberships: 25
- Charter Members: 48
- Individual Memberships: 110

Thanks to all those who assisted in getting renewals to me on a timely basis.

Reminder: If you don’t have a name badge, see me!

*Dick Butler*

**E-MAIL NOTICES**

Each month I try to contact each member notifying them of the next meeting if we have your correct e-mail address. We also use your e-mail to let you know of any meeting changes or other updates. This service has worked well with other organizations that I have participated in. We do have a problem in that many e-mail addresses we now have on file are incorrect. If you have submitted your e-mail address for club use and you have not received a club meeting notice please notify me by e-mail at jimmel@chatlink.com.

*Jim Tehan*
Many, many years ago, before Star Wars, I was given my first rod and reel for Christmas. It was a crankbait outfit for a left handed retrieve. After practicing on the lawn for both casting and accuracy I went to the Owens Valley Gorge in So. California. It is a deep and difficult terrain that is hard to get into and harder to get out of. There, using an ‘O’ Mepp, I fished for wild trout. I scrambled up the cliff with six beautiful fish that evening which were fried up for dinner that night. The evening was crystal clear and cold and I will never forget that first fishing experience.

Since then my fishing gear has changed drastically and my philosophy for catching and keeping fish has changed as well. But the thrill of ‘getting one on’ has not changed one bit. In truth, a hard strike, on occasion, has nearly made me jump out of my skin. Several of us put our heads together and have decided to go after the big guys this fall, both salmon and steelhead, on the coast. Excited? No, that is why we are already tying our flies now and not later. Further, we are lining up our camping facilities (this last winter) and trying to guess at the very best time to be fishing. I know that many of our fly fishers fish the coast pretty regularly in the fall. Without divulging any secrets, do you have any secrets you would like to divulge? I would only share the information with my fishing partners. Speaking of fishing partners, our wives have the best of all worlds. They can fish, hike, read, visit and much more. It will be wonderful for all of us and we are all looking forward to it. I, for one, am looking forward to BBQing, campfires, clear skies, cool nights and wonderful companions. We may be lucky and ‘catch and release’ often and fly fish with skill.

Morris Fruitman
moman@grtech.com
ROD BUILDING CLASS WRAPS UP

Instructor Steve Godshall shows participants guide placement and other fine details in the art of rod making. Members in the background include Carol LaBranche, Kim DeVries, Don McCarty and Martha Koch.

Tuesday, May 6, was the first night of this year's rod building class. Rod blanks were distributed, thread selected and line guides chosen. The rod building process was explained by Steve, who will offer an extra session to personally assist new rod builders during the epoxy application process.

The class continued throughout May, each Tuesday night at 7:30 PM, Grants Pass High School, Room 136.

Dick Butler
President's Message

Here it is June and 2003 is nearly half gone. It seems as though the year has just begun.

In the first five months of this year, we have welcomed many new members—some have recently moved to the area, eager to get on the river, getting into the action. Some have heard or read about S.O.F.F and the teachings, outings, and other benefits the club offers. As we gain more members with little or no experience in fly fishing, we need more of our well-experienced members to step up and help. If you have the time, join an outing, or better yet, ask a new member to join you for some fishing, if no more than an afternoon close to home. Remember, we all started at one point and most of us had someone to help in the learning experience.

Many of us are waiting to start a long planned vacation, traveling to locations we have always wanted to visit. This year, however, I will be staying close to home, taking time to get in some fishing with friends I have met through S.O.F.F.

I'm also looking forward to the August outing in the Klamath basin as it is always a great deal of fun. This year I plan to stay a few days and really enjoy myself. The trip to Union Creek fishing for trout is also on my list. Yes, our area has many beautiful places to visit. I have seen so few in the short time I've been here, so this year I'll spend time here at home, fishing the lakes and streams in our region, enjoying the company of club members who fish them regularly.

There's still time!

Introduce yourself to the many new members.

Jim Tehan

MAY BOARD MEETING REPORT

1. Monthly raffle items will continue to be purchased from those businesses supporting S.O.F.F.
2. The Board is looking for a member who is willing to be in charge of this year's picnic.
3. There will be a swap meet held in conjunction with this year's picnic.
4. The Board voted to oppose any public access bill that charges fees for river access with the intent of reimbursing property owners for damage done.
5. S.O.F.F will present a program at Valley of the Rogue Park in July as part of the Park Evening Program series.

Total membership: 289
Families: 77 Life: 25 Charter: 48 and Ind. 112

Dick Butler

ATTENTION!
Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.
Next meetings will be June 5th and July 3rd at 6:30.
All members are welcome.
Jeff Morgan
A commercial fly tier for ten years, Jeff Morgan is the fly tying columnist for Westfly.com, America’s largest online flyfishing magazine. His honor’s thesis at Oregon State was turned into a book, “An Angler’s Guide to the Oregon Cascades”, and he currently has two other books in the publication process: “Visions of Prey: Trout and Their Forage” (Vol. I and II) and “Small Stream Flyfishing...Revisited” (Frank Amato Publications). He is currently at Stanford University working on his PhD in American History with a focus on the American West and Environmental History. His dissertation is on “Hunting, Fishing and Environmental Change in the West 1890-2000.”

Buck Woodburn

- JULY MEETING -
Frank Armandariz
President of the Cascade Fly Fishers.
Presentation of fishing the Metolius & Willamette Rivers.

WHEN: JUNE WHERE:
June 19, 2003 Riverside Conference Center
WHERE: Grants Pass
TIMES: 6:00 PM
Social Hour and Fly Tying
7:00 PM Meeting
7:30 PM Dinner followed by Program
Raffle to close evening.

Bring questions for speaker, your name tag and a fly for the ‘raffle flies.’

May Meeting
Guests of President Jim Tehan, Greg and Mary Jo Pitts were awarded a Lifetime Membership........ Elated Linda Morrison won the Anderson rod at the raffle....Toby Carlson, left, is one of the recipients of the 2003 SOFF scholarship. Marlon Rampy presented an awesome program which was a delightful blend of fly fishing, flies and techniques, wildlife, nature, and music. Dinner was BBQ Tri Tip or Chicken.
LITTLE YELLOW STONE FLY

Steve Godshall recommends a yellow stone fly for the Klamath River outing. (This is a pattern by “Polly” Rosbourough.)

| Hook: Mustad 38941 in sizes 10 or 12 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Thread: Yellow  | Tail: Dyed pale yellow grizzly Hackle fibers |
| Rear hackle: Dyed pale yellow grizzly | Ribbing: Yellow thread |
| Body: Chartreuse yarn | Front hackle: Dyed pale yellow grizzly hackle |

The rear hackle should be shorter than the front with barbles just longer than the hook gap.  
Carey Williams

NEW SOFF WEAR

Foreign Legion Hat  $17

If you want real sun protection this is just the trick. An extra large visor, to the shoulder rear flap that extends over the ears, colors in soft Khaki or stone. Swiss embroidered logo on the front and shirt safety clip. Adj sizes.

AUCTION

The auction committee, led by Don Carr, is hard at work preparing letters to be mailed and planning this year’s function. Remember, this is the only fundraiser of SOFF. As you travel this summer or as you are in the crafting mood, think of the auction. October is the month, plan on attending and enjoy participating in the fun that night.

JUNE 7-HOLY WATER WORKSHOPS

Women’s Fly Fishing & Beginning Fly Fishing
CATHY TRONQUET & MIKE TRASK
9:00AM-3:PM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, June 25, 7-9 PM
Lion’s Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
Contact: Morris Fruitman 878-8038
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

KLAMATH RIVER

IRON GATE SECTION, CALIFORNIA

June 21  8:00am, Callahan's off I-5

We are about to do something different and it should work well. The June outing is for a limited number of members that are intermediate and advanced skill level flyfishers. We will be using boats and there are only so many available. Call me to get on the list. The outing will be limited to 12 people, with four names as back-up in case of cancellations. We do not wish to put too much pressure on this area, plus, we are limited by how many slots are available in the boats. If the response is overwhelming, I will pull signed up names from a hat to select the final participants.

Requirements:
You will need to purchase a California fishing license. A two-day pass for $14.00 is the minimum, plus $6.00 for lunch which will be on the river at R Ranch. We will first meet at Callahan's Restaurant, (Off of Interstate 5, located on the left side of the highway at the top of Ashland grade), at 8:00am for breakfast and then caravan to the site. Plan on a long, full, late returning day.

I look forward to hearing from you as to this format and future programs like it.

Teresa Kasza, Outings Chair  862-2086

HOLY WATER OUTING AND BBQ - RIVERSIDE PARK

May outing.

About twenty folks showed up for the Holy Hatchin’s BBQ. Well, it’s always a little Holy and we definitely had a great BBQ, but nary a bug was a hatchin’. In fact, an amazingly cold wind blew for such a sunny day. Folks kept trekking back to their rig for yet another layer of clothing. There were diehards a plenty. New members Jeff Birdsong and Kevin O’Malley stayed to the chilly end. Like one of them said, “It was a beautiful day to practice casting into the wind.” Kevin Daniels worked the south side but not with much luck. At one point, Tanya Haight and I opted to watch from a viewing bench. David Haight had great form but the fish didn’t seem impressed. The occasional fish would jump out of the water, but it was simply to mock us. It wasn’t until almost everyone had gone home, the sun slowly sinking, that I spied Carol LaBranche and Kim DeVries. There on a point, casting almost side by side, they were hammering those trout with dry flies. At my last count it was 7-5 with Kim in the lead. We’ll have to ask them at dinner line up what fly was the secret to their success.

Teresa Kasza
Blue Wing Olive Paraloop

**RECIPE**

- **Hook:** Dry Fly 14 to 20
- **Tail:** Three Micro Fibbets
- **Thread:** Olive
- **Body:** Light Olive Poly Dub
- **Rib:** Cream Floss (Single Strand Twisted Tight)
- **Thorax:** Medium to Dark Olive Poly Dub
- **Post:** Floss or Thread or Mono (Tiers choice)
- **Hackle:** Light Blue Dunn

Any tiers that attended the April Member’s Fly Tying meeting and watched Marlon Rampy tie, witnessed how to construct this excellent dry fly. Fish this pattern as you would any dry. A dead drift with the current works well. There are numerous hatches of this fly at the Holy Water, and adjacent waters, all year long.

“Attach thread to hook. Tie in tail so it spreads in a fan pattern. Tie in cream floss. Dub light olive poly and wrap to taper the body. Wrap cream floss to form segments over body. Form a loop to make a post. Tie in dunn hackle. Dub medium or dark olive poly and wrap thorax larger than body. Insert finger into the floss loop and wrap the hackle four wraps up the loop and then four down. Be careful not to let the loop twist as you wrap the hackle. Tie hackle off. Insert scissors or other tool into loop. Push down hackle to bunch it up near the hook. Fold hackle post over and tie behind the eye of the hook. Wrap head and whip finish. Apply head cement if you like.”

- **Any club tiers who can and will tie a dozen flies for the annual auction** please do and give them to Carey Williams. Put the flies in a ziplock or other container with your name, calling card or other ID and I will get them boxed and labeled. As soon as it is possible for you tiers to get the flies to me the better. All auction items must be entered into the auctioneer’s computer and doing it early is essential to a successful auction. Thank you very much in advance.  **Carey Williams**

**Contact:** Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

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**Membership Form**

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- □ Lifetime (Couple).................$350.00

Name(s): ______________________
Address: ______________________
City: _______________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone: Home ( ) Work: ( )
Email: ______________________
Personal interests: ______________________
### COMING EVENTS

6-5  6:30pm Board Meeting  
6-7  Holy Water Seminars: 9AM  
- Women’s Fly Fishing  
- Beginning Fly Fishing  
6-19  6:00 SOFF General Meeting  
6-21  Klamath River Outing  
6-25  Southern Oregon Fly Tiers  
7-3  Board Meeting  
7-17  SOFF General Meeting  
7-23  Southern Oregon Fly Tiers  
7-26  Union Creek Outing  
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9-14  Annual BBQ and Picnic  
9-20  Agness Outing  
10-16  Auction  
10-18  Rogue Float Outing  
11-22  Holy Water Clinic/Outing  
1-1  Holy Water Annual Chili Feed and Outing

### WOMEN’S FLY CASTING CLINIC

Over 20 women participated in the Women’s Fly Casting Clinic at the casting pond on Saturday, May 10. Dennis and Judy Nagel were enthusiastic instructors and all participants felt their skills had improved following the clinic. Thanks Judy and Dennis!

### COOKING CORNER

**STANDING RIB ROAST**

I had this roast at Carey’s not long ago and it is truly world class. He agreed to share the simple recipe with you. Editor

- Clarify unsalted butter.  
- Preheat oven to 425 or 450.  
- Coat roast with the clarified butter.  
- Salt and pepper the roast liberally, rub the salt and pepper in.  
- Roast for 25-30 minutes, until the butter crusts the roast.  
- Reduce heat to 350 and finish roasting to the desired doneness.

This is a simple recipe for rib roast used by many of the world’s finest restaurants.

*Chef Carey Williams*

### SWAP MEET

-to be held at this year’s Annual Picnic and BBQ.

*Beth Williams, SOFF Treasurer*

The Board of Directors has approved and asked Buck Woodburn and Beth Williams to plan a ‘swap meet’ in conjunction with our 2003 picnic. Just like Santa, make a list, and check it twice...

Potential ‘merchants’: It’s garage cleaning season-look for fly fishing, water craft and camping equipment that you haven’t used for a year or two. Selling or swapping these items might net you a few dollars while benefiting a new or seasoned fly fisher. Plan to bring your items to the picnic.

Buyers can make a wish list! Both my ‘merchant’ and wish lists are already started!

More details on how to participate will be coming in later newsletters.

*Beth Williams*
“June is bustin’ out all over....” to paraphrase a song from the musical, Carousel. Boy, if you don’t have the fishing fever now, you never will. What beautiful weather! Not too hot yet. (But it is coming.) Don’t say you did not hear me say it; the heat and all. If you are a ‘still’ water fisher then give the rivers and streams a try. Call someone that is familiar with the local accesses and techniques. The same is true for you river and stream people. Get out and try the stillwaters. Speaking of trying something new, my son called and invited Nancy and I to go out in Puget Sound, Washington. Anyone out there fish that area?

Give me a call. A shrimp or sardine fly should do the trick. And an eight weight rod should work too. I do not know if my son can troll though. He can go 60+ mph but that is just a little too fast for my skills. Perhaps I can talk him into idling in forward gear while dragging a bucket or two behind the boat. That should slow it up just a bit. Now in my 15’ aluminum, that is not a problem. I can barely get over 20 with a good tail wind. It will take three people but better suited for fishing with two. I use my electric motor at setting 1 and that is just about right. Until my battery starts to run down and then I keep cranking it up to 5 until we barely move. Then I go to the Merc. It is not big but I really hate the engine noise and fumes when trolling. We usually head for home at that point. Speaking of preparing for boating, make sure your batteries are fully charged, you have plenty of gas and sunscreen. OK, things do not always go just right. We were having a great day. We brought in and released most of 23 nice fish. We were heading in to ‘Take out.’ The engine sputtered to a stop. “This engine is acting just like it is out of gas!” It was, so we started to paddle. I only had one on board!

Morris Fruitman
moman@grrtech.com
"The trip is on!", Dick Butler says. "I can’t go, I have a conflict", I respond. "But the salmon flies are hatching! Change it, shorten it, we HAVE to go". I tried, and did. On Friday, May 30, Dick and I met Steve Godshall and Mark McGinnis for an exciting half day trip from Rogue-Elk Park to Shady Cove. First we were treated to an excellent lunch. Then we launched for the drift downstream. My first fly, Ms. Nancy, brought in several very nice, well fed trout (bottom right). Later in the afternoon they began to hit on our salmon flies. We cast to the center and drifted the flies with good luck. But the real fun began toward the end of the drift when we began to cast under the trees where I caught a nice, small steelhead (lower left). Our total catch (and release) for the day was about 50 fish. As I said last month, it pays to change your fishing style once in a while.

Morris Fruitman
President’s Message

All board members are working hard to provide activities that members can enjoy and benefit by attending. The first six months of 2003 has seen the club grow to more than 300 members.

Some of the finest speakers available have been invited to provide interesting programs at our monthly meetings. The newsletter has been delivered in a timely manner, near the first of each month, with added new features—and its quality increases with each issue.

Our outings have been well planned and attended; the average attendance has been 18 members. Attendance at our clinics, such as Women’s Casting, Beginning Fly Fishing, and Women’s Fly Fishing, has been higher than anticipated. The Rod Building Class was a success, with a maximum number of participants. All programs and classes are currently under review by our newly-formed Education Committee. A new instructor will teach the Fly Tying Class in January 2004, and yes, John Edwards is well into planning a great class.

At the June board meeting, it was approved to look into publishing a club cookbook. This effort will require many hours of work gathering recipes and preparing for publication. We also approved the preparation of a manual of Southern Oregon fishing locations with maps for direction.

No one has stepped forward to chair the club picnic in September, so the Board of Directors will be chairing this event, and club members will enjoy a great picnic once again.

Yes, there is much going on and plenty of room for volunteers to step up and help. Any effort to work on these projects will be appreciated. Contact any board member if you are willing to lend a hand. Many THANKS!

Jim Tehan, President

June Board Meeting

• As no one has been found to chair this year’s picnic, the Board will perform that function.
• There are two keys to the club’s storage room which can be checked out by members. They are located at Native Run Fly Shop.
• At the Relay for Life event, 16 young people participated in the fly casting put on by SOFF.
• 14 people have committed to tie flies for this year’s auction, with more needed. Contact Carey Williams.
• A map containing directions to various fly fishing spots will be prepared by members of the Board.

Dick Butler, Secretary

Flies Needed for Auction

• Any club tiers who can and will tie a dozen flies for the annual auction please do and give them to Carey Williams. Put the flies in a ziplock or other container with your name, calling card or other ID and I will get them boxed and labeled. As soon as it is possible for you tiers to get the flies to me the better. All auction items must be entered into the auctioneer’s computer and doing it early is essential to a successful auction. Thank you very much in advance.

Carey Williams
Fly Tying Chair

SOFF Swap Meet

SOFF is sponsoring its first swap meet at the SOFF picnic, September 14, 2003 at All Sports Park near the casting pond. Members are invited to SELL, SELL, SELL their ‘retired’ fly fishing, watercraft and camping gear to members looking for ‘tested’, ‘proven’ equipment. Please register as a SELLER with Beth Williams, beth@internetcds.com or 541-597-2205. COST: $5 per selling family (membership listing) payable to SOFF. Sellers provide ‘stuff’ with prices marked, a table, blanket or tarp for displaying and change. Please keep all items fishing related.

Buyers bring your wish list and money! Expect lots of fun and great bargains at the Swap Meet.

Beth Williams, Treasurer

Carey Williams
Fly Tying Chair

ATTENTION! Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.

Next meetings will be July 3rd and August 7th at 6:30.

All members are welcome.
Frank Armendariz
President of the Cascade Family Fishers in Eugene, Frank’s last program was fishing the Deschutes River. July’s presentation, “Redsides and Cutthroats” will cover fly fishing on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. His slide show is a visual presentation of a float trip from the Hamlet of McKenzie Bridge on the McKenzie River to the Willamette Valley town of Harrisburg along the banks of the Willamette River. Frank and his wife, Tami, have been fly fishing together for over 28 years and operated a River Outfitting and Guide Service from their home in Eugene for more than 15 years. Tami is a local fly tying guru who has developed some unique twists on several local favorites, highly effective on both the McKenzie and Willamette. Frank has 17 years of river guide experience and has written articles for a number of western fly fishing periodicals about fly fishing for trout and steelhead.

Buck Woodburn

- AUGUST MEETING -

Shane Kohlbeck, of Redding, fishing the Sacramento, Hat Creek and areas close to us.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC

Mark your calendar: Sunday, September 14, 2003

Lunch begins: 1 PM
Casting contest: 2 PM
Awards and raffle: Directly following Casting Contest.
Lunch: Tri-tip, soft drinks and a free raffle.
Cost: $5.00 and bring salad or dessert.

WHAT TO BRING
Last names starting with A thru M bring: DESSERT
Last names starting with N thru Z bring: SALAD

PICNIC CHAIRPERSONS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Beth Williams Collect monies & swap meet
Rent Harry & David Shelter
Bob Roberts and Casting
Carey Williams Casting (set-up, take-down-prizes)
Buck Woodburn and
Dave Russell Raffle (acquire raffle items).
Morris Fruitman Advertising and sign up sheet.
Dick Butler and
Teresa Kasza Barbecue (purchase meat, provide barbecue and arrange for cooking).
Jim Tehan Paper goods and drinks (purchase drinks and necessary paper goods. Set Up.)
Wow! Incredible! What a Day!

Just a few of the words used to describe the July outing by folks as they dragged themselves out of the water around 9:00 pm. The Klamath River, home to resident trout known as Redbands or Redsides gave club members an awesome day.

Slinging heavy salmon flies into a head wind that wouldn’t flag for most of the day, it was a day of technical casting and sheer endurance. Steve Godshall put on an incredible event, complete with a lunch and historical overview of the area. Steve G., Mark McGinnis and Tony Brauner all tied flies for the group. With additional help from two members of the Siskiyou Flycaster’s Club, five driftboats with ten SOFF members headed down the Klamath on a gorgeous sunny but big wind day. Everyone hooked into trout.

Sonya Nisson landed a gorgeous 20 inch Redside and 14-18 fish were not uncommon. Resident fish do not migrate like the fish in the Rogue system. No, they stay at home and feed and fatten. The majority may measure 12 or 13 inches but they’ll weigh twice as much as a comparable trout in our waters.

Kevin Daniels hooked a few 15 inch plus and Carol LaBranche in Tony Brauner’s boat had a five pounder rise to her fly twice. Kim DeVries had a great moment with a fine 18 inch and Joe Holzen had a few to brag about too. Dick Adams and Don McCarty may not have hooked into size but they can’t quite remember the number of hook ups they had. I’m thinking Dick said at least 30. At one point Steve Godshall was false casting to dry out Sonya’s fly while she was getting her wading boots on and he hooked and landed a nice trout with sheer surprise. This water is perfect for pontoon boat fishing and I hope to put just such an outing together for next year’s salmon fly hatch on the Klamath.

More outing photos will appear in next month’s issue. Stay tuned.

Teresa Kasza
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

UNION CREEK & UPPER ROGUE
JULY 26 8:30AM
Union Creek Campground Parking Lot
Hwy. 62

We'd like to explore the waters of Union Creek and the Upper Rogue. This is rainbow and brook trout territory. Cold waters, stealth approaches. Carry one of your lighter rods, 3 or 4 weight. Fine leaders and tippets. I have only fished dry flies here and have had sweet success. Parachute dun, deer hair caddis, calibaetis. Heck, just dig out all those trout fly boxes stuck behind your arsenal of steelhead flies and bring them along. Use sizes 12-20. I wear waders 'cause you never know. But if the weather is hot and it can be, wet wading is fine too.

Some folks are talking about driving up the day before and camping out. There are some great campgrounds in the area: Farewell Bend (just beyond Union Creek), and Union Creek Campground, which is where we'll meet. Locations should be marked on most Oregon maps or search the State of Oregon website. If I have more details I'll share them at the July meeting.

Teresa Kasza, Outings Chair 862-2086

HOLY WATER SEMINARS A HUGE SUCCESS

June 7th, Cathy Tronquet and Mike Trask, with the assistance of Marlane Trask, Tony Brauner, Steve Godshall, Steve Overall, David Haight and Bob Graham held a 5+ hour clinic for women as well as beginning fly fishers. Carol LaBranche, Debi Sharp and Kim DeVries prepared morning treats of muffins, juice, fresh fruit and coffee, complete with table cloths and fresh cut flowers! Lunch was marinated teriyaki chicken (very good) along with various salads, vegetables, chips, and desserts. Casting instruction was a major focus of the morning--basic roll, chicks dig it, reach, shooting line, single haul and double haul. After lunch etiquette was discussed, along with water safety, importance of wearing glasses and keeping up to date on tetanus shots. Interaction with non flyfishers on the water became a discussion item also. Different knots were taught and learned. Participants applied what they had learned, fish were caught and many received individualized instruction. SOFF gained 4 new members. One quote of the day, "I sure know a lot more now than when I got up this morning!"
F L Y  T Y I N G  C O R N E R

Damsel Fly Nymph

1. Place hook in vise and attach thread. Wind thread to rear of hook.
2. Cut a length of antron 7 inches long. Put the cut ends of the antron together and attach to the rear of the hook. This will leave a loop of antron off the back of the hook.
3. Use your shepherd’s crook or an opened paper clip and insert it in the loop. Pull the loop toward you and spin it to the left if you are right handed or to the right if you are left handed. When the antron is twisted so that when you relax the tension on it, it coils back onto itself. Pull the antron to the rear of the fly and pinch it at the point you want the extended abdomen to end, move the rest of the abdomen to the front of the hook and then pinch at the rear of the hook above the point of the hook. Tie in at this point. Retwist the rest of the antron and wind on hook shank. If done right, this will create a segmented section on the hook. Tie in at one half hook shank length. Trim excess.
4. Tie in wingcase. 5. Tie in eyes about midway between abdomen and hook eye. 6. Tie legs in behind eyes.
7. Tie in about 4 inches of antron. Wrap one turn behind the legs. Wrap two turns in front of the legs and then figure eight wrap the eyes, do two wraps in front of the eyes and tie off. Trim excess.
8. Wrap head and whip finish or use half hitch to finish the fly. Apply head cement if you wish.
9. Take your needle threader and insert it in the loop at the end of the abdomen, put tail loop through the threader and pull one end of the tail through the loop. Tie a granny knot on the tail and pull tight against the abdomen. Trim to about one half inch.

Carey Williams, Fly Tying Chair

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

Membership Form

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

Please make checks payable to: SOFF and mail to: PO Box 1144, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Regular...................................... $25.00
Family........................................ $35.00
Youth........................................... $5.00
Contributing............................... $50.00
Lifetime (Individual) .................. $250.00
Lifetime (Couple) ....................... $350.00

Personal interests:
COMING EVENTS
7-3 Board Meeting
7-12 Casting Instruction, All Sports Park, Casting Pond 10-2
7-17 SOFF General Meeting
7-23 Southern Oregon Fly Tiers
7-26 Union Creek Outing
8-7 Board Meeting
8-21 SOFF General Meeting
8-23 Klamath Basin Outing
8-27 Southern Oregon Fly Tiers
9-14 SOFF Picnic and Swap Meet
9-18 SOFF General Meeting
9-20 Agness Outing
10-16 Auction
10-18 Rogue Float Outing
11-22 Holy Water Clinic/Outing
1-1 Holy Water Annual Chili Feed and Outing

COOKING CORNER

Picnic Cookies
1 lb. Butter
3 C. Brown Sugar
2 C. Granulated Sugar
6 Eggs
4 teaspoons Vanilla
4 1/2 C. Flour
2 teaspoons Salt
2 teaspoons Baking Powder
2 teaspoons Baking Soda
4 C. Oatmeal
1-12 oz. package chocolate chips
2 Cups Coconut
1 Cup Chopped Nuts
1 Cup Raisins
2 Cups Rice Krispies

Mix ingredients in the usual order, creaming butter with sugars, eggs and vanilla, adding dry ingredients, then chocolate chips and the rest. This recipe makes oodles of cookies and is easily adaptable to whatever is available in the pantry. Recipe can be doubled or halved.

Melanie Tehan

Fly Rod/Lightning Rod?

With the thunderstorm season upon us, now is a good time to become aware of the danger involved while we pursue the sport we all love. Always remember that a graphite fly rod is a conductor of electricity and gives a direct conduit to ground with you anchored in the middle. It can, in the least, leave you with a “shocking” experience.

When I was in my teens living in southwest Arkansas, a part of the country well known for its summer storms, my grandparents lived next door. There was a large oak and a pine tree in their yard with a 35ft. wire clothesline anchored to both. A nighttime storm came through the area, lightning struck the top of the oak and it peeled a 3 inch strip of bark down the wire, traveled along the wire to the pine and peeled the bark down to the ground. A graphite fly rod becomes a lightning rod during a storm and a person is the conduit to ground.

Thunderstorms became an item of concern for me a few years ago on the last day of a trip to the San Juan River in New Mexico. Guy Bill, Jon Ahlroth and I were fishing below the Navajo Dam as storm clouds gathered during the morning hours. But they were not an issue until mid afternoon. The heaviest concentration was down river and we kept an eagle eye in that direction. As often happens during the lull before the storm, the trout went on a feeding spree and were taking small dry flies at will. The fishing was excellent which caused us to be less aware of the storm clouds. Finally, I noticed that we were the only ones left on the river. Glancing up river over the dam I saw another dark cloud coming down river sneaking up to our backs. Yep, you guessed it, the two storms collided before we could get back to the car. With a tremendous deafening clap of thunder right over our heads, a deluge of heavy rain inundated us and we were thoroughly soaked. I didn’t see the lightning strike, but wet or not, we were happy we had not been the target.

On three other occasions I have felt lucky to escape the dangers of a summer storm while fishing. Once at Howard Prairie, on the Upper Rogue and again during a float trip with Don Carr while fishing with guide Lori Ann Murphy on the South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho.

If you see a thunderstorm approaching, always take cover if possible. Don’t be misled and follow a whim that “it will not happen to me”. It can and it may. Your life is more precious than losing an hour or two fishing time.

Bob Roberts

Membership

There have been a number of people joining SOFF as new members this year. Please join me in welcoming them, invite them to sit at your table during meetings and even ask them to go fishing with you! Since the last list from April 2003 they are:


Dick Butler, Chairman
We are well into the summer fishing season. I am almost used to the visiting tourists and California drivers. I used to be a California driver, not any more though. The sun is bright and hot and the waters are warming. Except the Rogue River. Fed from the bottom of Lost Creek Lake the Rogue stays cold. Feeder streams tend to warm the water as it travels to the sea as well as the 90/100 degree temperatures. The Holy Water (Riversedge Park) stays cold year round. Nestled at the foot of the Lost Creek Lake dam here is a stretch of water with the peace and tranquility many travel hundred, perhaps thousands of miles to find. On Memorial Day we drove by to see what action was taking place there. Bridges and parks along the river were jammed with fishermen and women, fishing, picnicing, playing, rafting, BBQing, dozing and more. The Holy Water? We had an early hatch of Salmon Flies and they were flying. Not swarms but they were there. Three fishers in a tranquil setting. What a delight to see. There were fish gently rising, a soft breeze, the temperature outside was perfect and I did not have my rod with me. Oh well. Another day. Speaking of another day it is time to start thinking about some upcoming events. Within the month will be the fall steelhead run. August 4 to 9 is the 2003 International Conclave in Idaho Falls. There is our Annual Picnic in September and then we have an outing to Agness as well, great timing for steelhead. The end of September, 26-7-8, is also the Fly Fishing the Northwest Show put on by the Oregon Council Federation of Fishers and will be held in Seaside, Oregon. Many of our members will be tying there I am sure. Then time for winter steelhead and more.

A busy year, summer, fall. What a wonderful place we live in. Let’s keep it that way with good fishing and conservation practices. Good fishing to you and yours.

Morris Fruitman
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TROPHY TROUT

Don Carr showing a very nice trout caught on the Williamson River during a trip in July. Don, along with Marlon Rampy, had a great day, as shown by Don's smile.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I was working in the yard, attempting to remove weeds before they take over completely, my thoughts were wandering to the delight of getting on the water, thinking of where I will be heading next to wet my line, to lure a fish to one of the flies I've tied. Fishing the small mouth bass that Jeff Morgan referred to at the June meeting was appealing more to me as I hoed and pulled. I was remembering Dennis Nagel's tales about recent days when he and Judy were on the Williamson, catching those large rainbows. Dick Butler had also mentioned he wanted to head up to the Upper Rogue sometime and try it out; neither of us has fished the area. Maybe I should head up to one of the lakes, such as Hyatt. I continued to daydream as I weeded.

As our state government representatives continue to meet, many issues are brought to the floor of the legislature that can and will affect our fishing waters. Included at this time are issues on stream access, changes in current laws regarding logging, and greatly reduced budgets for hatcheries. It is important that each of us, as individuals, be aware and informed about what is happening within our state government and contact our representatives to voice our opinions. The state has a new web address: www.oregon.gov. Using this site, you will find addresses for legislators, minutes of committee meetings, schedules of committee meetings and location and bills that are pending. If you do not use a computer, look in the newspaper to find addresses for legislators. Let's advise our elected officials how we feel on pending issues.

AUCTION UPDATE

The auction committee is working, and things are moving along well. Those who are tying flies, it's time to start handing them off to Carey Williams. John Edwards is in the process of collecting prints and framing artwork. John does an excellent job; be prepared for some great prints this year. Don Carr is collecting some great items in his office. We can use many more. Please get your donation to Don as soon as possible or at least let him know what will be donated so he can start planning the evening.

Jim Tehan, President

July Board Meeting

• John Edwards presented the Oregon Council report, much of which centered on the river access issue and SB 293 in particular.
• There is a need for someone to chair the July 23 program at Valley of the Rogue Park.
• A member will be designated to set up SOFF plaques, artwork, awards, etc. prior to the monthly general meetings.
• Framing for artwork to be sold at this year's auction will be accomplished for under $100 per frame.
• Nancy Fruitman has named a committee to assemble the SOFF cookbook.
• Jim Tehan, Beth Williams and Sonja Nisson are working to put together a pamphlet with maps and directions to various well known fishing locations.

Dick Butler, Secretary

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All members are welcome.
**PROGRAMS**

**Shane Kohlbeck:** 32, lives in Redding and has worked at The Fly Shop, off I-5, since October 1997. He both guided and worked in the store. Three years ago he accepted the position of Director of Guide Services. He began casting at age 9 and tied his first fly in the 6th grade. In 1996 he switched to “no spin rod/no bait” and has been hooked ever since. He currently runs the largest fly-fishing guide service in the USA. They booked over 2000 guide days in 2002 and are still growing. He specializes in fly fishing on the Lower Sacramento, Trinity, Pit and Upper Sacramento Rivers but still likes to visit the McCloud, Fall River and Hat Creek during the season. You might have seen him on ESPN 2: “In Search of Fly Water”. He travels to Montana, Oregon, So. California, British Colombia and a few saltwater locations such as Monterey Bay, Venezuela and the Yucatan. He has been a certified FFF Casting Instructor for four years. He will be discussing fly-fishing the NorCal/Shasta County area such as rivers, lakes, streams and hatches, techniques, access points, guide service and seasons.

**Buck Woodburn**

**AUGUST MEETING PROGRAM**

Shane Kohlbeck, fishing the Sacramento River, Hat Creek and areas close to Southern Oregon.

**WHEN:**
August 21, 2003

**WHERE:**
Riverside Conference Center
Grants Pass

**TIMES:**
6:00 PM
Social Hour
and Fly Tying
7:00 PM
Meeting
7:30 PM
Dinner followed by Program
Raffle to close evening.

Bring questions for speaker, your name tag and a fly for the ‘raffle flies.’
SEPTEMBER 14 PICNIC
A great many people are working hard on the September picnic. There will be great food, a raffle, fly casting contests and a swap meet. Mark your calendar now and do not miss this great event. 1 pm.

BOOK REPORT
Light reading was the goal that took me to the mystery section of the library where I found it in Bartholomew Gill’s Death on a Cold, Wild River. The bonus was the lovingly portrayed fly fishing lore of Donegal. Murder victim, Nellie Millar drowns in an “accident” pursuing “trophy” salmon on the River Owenea. I was captivated in the first chapter as the descriptions of the setting, the weather, the water and the fish developed. By mid-book, it was me, not the salmon that was “hooked” when Nellie’s fly shop displays top of the line equipment and her tying bench provides the list of exotic materials for tying the classic Jock Scott. The jacket photo of author, Gill, looks artfully posed sitting on a rock over a quiet back eddy pool: Aaran jumper (sweater), padded foul weather jacket, jeans and the casually held, but properly assembled fly rod in hand. The details between the jacket covers suggest this man has spent his share of hours in fly angler’s water, focused on a fly in the vise, browsed catalogs and told fishing yarns. Estuary salmon fishing may not be my preferred angling experience but this book piqued my interest.

Beth Williams

FOR SALE
CANOE- 14 ft. Mad River Winooski with paddles, life jackets, seat backrest and anchor system. This is a sport model that is well suited to fly fishing. It is stable enough to stand and cast. Asking price is $600. Call John Edwards 479-8026.

July Meeting Highlights
Smiling raffle winner, Mitch Moos, with his new Anderson fly rod.

July speaker, Frank Armendariz with his wife, Tami. She tied flies before dinner.

SOFF COOKBOOK
A group of enthusiastic members gathered at Fruitman’s abode in Trail on July 28 to begin the initial task of creating a cookbook as a fund raiser for our club. Those participating: Marilyn Canet, Jan Cook, Vera Edwards, Vivian Fields, Vicki Hendy, Charlotte Holzen, Pat Waller and Carey Williams. We will need your help for this project to be a success.

Nancy Fruitman
Cookbook Chair

IMPROVE YOUR CASTING
Sunday, June 22nd, Bob Roberts had the first of the season’s Casting Clinics which are held at the Casting Pond, Grants Pass, All Sports Park.
Bob will be giving instruction Sundays from 1 to 3pm. If you want help stop by, you will be glad you did.

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, August 27, 7-9 PM
Lion’s Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
Contact: Morris Fruitman 878-8038
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

KLAMATH BASIN: FISHING THE WILLIAMSON

When: August 23, 2003
Where: Hwy 97, Chiloquin, Water Wheel Campground
Meeting: Shari's, Grants Pass, 7:30am for carpooling and chitchat (7:00 for breakfast). Or meet at Water Wheel Campground 10:00-10:30
What to Bring: Prams, pontoon boats, driftboats, waders, 6 wt. rods with nymph rigging. These are clear waters. Possible sight fishing. There is limited wading. There is one section above the State Park I am aware of. I will try to get some drift boats committed. If a driftboat owner wishes to help out in a fun club outing, call me. You’ll be making someone’s day for sure!
Some folks may want to get there a day or so earlier. Some options: Crystalwood Lodge (541-381-2322), Water Wheel Campground (541-783-2738) or Collier Memorial State Park (1-800-551-6949). Call me with questions that I haven’t already answered or come to the August meeting where I will be a little older and a little wiser.

Teresa Kasza
Outings Chairperson
862-2086

Holy Water Outing
Wednesday, June 25th, Jim Tehan invited those interested to join him fishing the Holy Water. Although the day was very hot, Jim Bignall, John Easterbrook and Dick Magill joined Jim for the day. John was able to find the fish and touch a couple. Good work.

Jim Tehan

CASTING CLINIC
July 12, Randy White, Josh White, and Jeff Fox held a casting clinic at the Casting Pond in All Sports Park. These instructors have outstanding casting and teaching skills. The report is that everyone gained more knowledge and help in their casting abilities. Some of those members attending the day were Merrie Morgan, Rich Hosley, Mike Canet, Janette Hosley, Gary and Peggy Shontz, Dennis and Linda Schmitke, Beth Williams and John Edwards. Thanks to Randy, Josh, and Jeff. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Jim Tehan

See Bob Roberts on Sundays
FLY TYING CORNER

Carey Bugger

RECIPE

| Hook: Mustad 36890 or similar | Thread: Black |
| Tail: Olive, black, tan or orange marabou | Body: Peacock herl |
| Rib: Gold or copper wire | Hackle: Pheasant rump (color to match tail) |
| Head: Thread or bead (Tier's choice) | Note: Fly may be weighted with wire, a beadhead or even dumbell eyes. |

The Carey Bugger has been a suggested fly for the Klamath Basin three out of the six years I have been in the club. I chose it for this month's fly because of that plus it's an easy tie and catches fish in both still and flowing water. Fish this fly on a cross and down method and short strip back. In still water, try several different stripping methods until you find one the fish like.

1. Tie thread to hook and wind to the bend above the barb.
2. Tie a bunch of marabou to the hook. Break off the barbules soft fine end.
3. Tie wire rib to hook.
4. Tie six to eight peacock herls to the hook. I use a dubbing loop and wind the herl around it. This makes a more durable fly. Wind herl to behind the eye of the hook. Leave enough room for the hackle and a head.
5. Counter wind wire rib to behind the eye. This also makes the fly more durable.
6. Tie in pheasant rump by the tip and wrap around the hook twice.
7. Make a head with the thread and half hitch or whip finish. Apply head cement if desired.

Note: On weighted flies I usually add several wraps of a different colored thread at the front of the head to let me know it is a weighted fly.

Carey Williams, Fly Tying Chair

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

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**COMING EVENTS**

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8-21 Club General Meeting  
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**COOKING CORNER**

**Shrimp with Pasta and Basil**

8 oz. Angel Hair Pasta  
8 oz. Shrimp (cleaned and deveined)  
8 oz. Plum Tomatoes, diced and seeded*  
3 Tablespoons chopped fresh Basil  
6 Cloves Garlic, blanched and sliced  
3 Tablespoons Olive Oil  
2 Tablespoons Butter  
Kosher Salt and White Pepper to taste  
1 or 2 Cloves Garlic, pressed

Saute shrimp in butter with pressed garlic, remove and keep warm.  
Saute sliced garlic lightly, add salt, pepper, tomato and fresh basil until heated through.  
Cook pasta with a little olive oil, drain and add to sauce, toss until heated.  
Place pasta with sauce on serving dish, add shrimp and garnish with a basil sprig.

* I use Progresso Plum tomatoes. With summer here I use fresh basil growing in my garden. This is one of my favorites.

**SOFF MEMBERS VIEW SLATE CREEK PROJECT**

Chris Vogel, biologist and project leader for the enhancement of fish habitat on Slate Creek, describes the creek as a major spawning area for wild coho, chinook and steelhead, which enter the Applegate River from the Rogue. June 30, seven club members and one grandson viewed one of eight sites selected for placement instream of ten boulders and eight logs on a stretch of creek bordered by two private ranches. Measurements of elevation drop along the length of the creek to be developed revealed eight points at which there is sufficient drop to create the water speed necessary to generate pools and gravel beds. Heavy machinery provided by Copeland Sand and Gravel will place the logs and boulders. SOFF members will participate in restoration of disturbed riparian areas, and in the monitoring of results through the coming seasons.

The group also viewed a successful restoration project on Waters Creek, tributary to Slate Creek. Located about four miles up Waters Creek Road (off Highway 199), the site is well marked and contains interpretive visual aids describing the benefits to fish from the work that has been done there. Chris Vogel was assisted by Mandy Lewis. SOFF members were: Mike and Marilyn Canet, Tom and Vivian Fields, Jim Bignall, Dick Magill, Rudge Heth and Tyler Heth.

**ROGUE BASIN AQUATIC INSECT SAMPLING PROJECT**

Club members will have an opportunity to participate in a basin-wide project to monitor stream insect life. The Rogue Basin Coordinating Council has arranged training of “coaches” in sampling methods, recording procedures, and other requisite skills. A total of fifty-six sites in the basin will be sampled, with results coordinated by the Xerxes Foundation, which specializes in insect sampling. Each coach will work with volunteers to collect samples from seven sites within a watershed. Participants will also have an opportunity to participate in “Kids and Bugs Day” on September 20th and 21st. This can be a great opportunity for those who want to learn more about aquatic insects, and perhaps get our children or grandchildren involved in the science of aquatic entomology. More specific details will be announced soon.

**Purchasing SOFF Wear**

SOFF Wear is available at general meetings from 6:00PM through the end of dinner. Come check out the new hats and say “Hi” to Charlotte and Joe, our SOFF Wear specialists.

**Cooking Corner Addendum**

Last month’s Picnic Cookies omitted that they should be baked 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees.

Joe & Charlotte Holzen  
SOFW Wear

**Rudge Heth, Habitat Chairman**
Questions and Answers?

Still water fishing. So, the fish are not biting. The temperature is hovering around 100. Days are bright and shiny. There is a nice moon out with clear evenings. Even when you go out early no one gets anything. Why? That very question came up just the other day. If you stop and think a minute the answer is clear. Everything indicates evening fishing. Moon and a cloudless sky: The fish are feeding at night. By morning they are not hungry. Bright day: The sun keeps the fish down deep for the most part. By evening, the fish are getting hungry again. These conditions indicate late afternoon to sunset fishing. Many of us fish just to get out. Others must have a fish or else. If you fall into the latter category then pay close attention to moon and weather conditions. Water temperature is also a factor. Once you have these questions answered you then get into the type of fly and color to use and how. Floating line? Sinking? What size and weight? If you go through these questions before you arrive at your destination I am sure you will have a much more enjoyable fishing trip. Do not forget to look at your line to insure a suitable leader and length for the fishing conditions you anticipate. Oh, one other thing, if the fish are striking your leech pattern with a marabou tail, but not taking your fly, try shortening the tail. Just break it in half with your fingers. You might be as surprised as the fish when you get a nice one on. Happy fishing!!!!!
Great Cooks!

BBQ Includes: Tri-Tip and soft drinks
Swap Meet: Add $5 per selling family
Casting Contests: Men’s and women’s accuracy and distance
($5.00 contribution each for the BBQ!)

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has been able to stay cool during this hot summer; I tried to stay inside during the extreme heat.

It was a real pleasure to spend some time enjoying the cool waters of the Union Creek area, fishing with members I have never been able to join before. I can see that I will be taking off in my Jeep for more exploring in an attempt to locate additional fishing areas. Fishing small streams and creeks brings back fond memories of my youth.

The Union Creek area and surrounding streams is a whole lot like fishing the upper areas of the Metolius with its clear, cold waters. I can hardly wait until I’m heading north again to wade the streams of Oregon. I will be looking for the perfect stream where access is easy, find a nice gravel stream bed with plenty of shelter for those elusive trout......

Jim Tehan, President

Board Meeting Highlights
August 7, 2003

1. Twelve persons are being sought to be nominees for the 2004 Board of Directors.
2. A new sound system has been purchased for use at the monthly membership meetings.
3. Current chairpersons will write job descriptions and procedure manuals for their positions prior to the end of 2003.
4. President Tehan will represent SOFF at the Oregon Council FFF Conclave, September 26-28 in Seaside, OR.
5. The Cookbook Committee will be collecting 300 recipes which will be sorted and professionally assembled in padded three ring binders and sold for $15 each. Profits will be allocated to board approved education-related projects.

New applicants will not be listed as members until dues are paid.
7. SOFF Wear: New pins and patches will only be ordered if demand warrants. Sales of these items have been slow in the past. Members needing large numbers of items for SOFF events need to speak with Joe or Charlotte Holzen far in advance so that special orders can be placed.

Dick Butler, Secretary

John and Vera Edwards have been active in SOFF since its formation. John is currently the club’s representative to OR FFF. Vera helps with the raffle and is co-chair for the Cookbook project.

ATTENTION!
Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.
Next meetings will be September 4th and October 2nd at 6:30.
All members are welcome.
Scott Cook

Our September speaker has been fly fishing the Central Oregon lakes and rivers for the past fifteen years. Scott has been a full time guide in this area for the last seven years. He averages about 250 days a year on the water. He is the owner, operator and head guide of Fly and Field Guide Service. Scott will be tying flies at the September meeting and will be donating a dozen of his favorite Cascade Lake flies, to be included in the meeting raffle that evening. The photo at right shows a smiling Scott with a large "Cranebow".

Buck Woodburn

October 16
Art Work to be Auctioned

- A very unique Rogue River Map with a set of Al Brunell flies tied on double hooks. Framing by Meadowlark Gallery.
- A Vic Erickson Limited Edition print titled "Silver Shadows" with a realistic stonefly nymph tied by the late Kent Bulfinch. Kent received the 1990 Buz Buszek Award for Fly Tying. Kent’s flies are prized by collectors. Framing by John Edwards.
- A Dan Rickards Limited Edition print titled "Magic Hour" with a set of Brad Carr’s steelhead flies. Framing by John Edwards.
Don Carr continues to work hard putting together a great auction for 2003. Some of the items donated to date are:
7 framed prints with flies tied by some of Oregon’s best tiers, 9 guided fishing trips, 2 fly rods, fly reel, waders. Look forward to a Denny Rickard’s signed book, fish mail box, Russell Chantham print, Lonesome Duck lodging and fishing package. A much sought after Civil War Package of 2 game tickets and parking pass has been donated. Add a pontoon boat, savings bonds, a special package for Big K Ranch, Cascade Eye Center exam and glasses. Lois Carr will be donating a very special piece of her fly fishing artwork with more details available in the October newsletter.

Don is requesting any auction donations you may have to please get them to him by the September membership meeting. There is much to be done after receiving donations such as labeling, preparing lists for the auctioneer and auction night. We all need to work together to make the Auction of 2003 a great night of enjoyment with many wonderful items available for purchase.

Mark Swanburg was the big winner at the August raffle. Shane Kohlbeck was the speaker and discussed fishing Northern California. If you have questions feel free to contact him directly. A SOFF group outing was discussed as a possibility for next year. Several environmental issues were brought to our attention.

Over 50 members promised recipes for the SOFF Cookbook while at the August club meeting. Please mail to Nancy Fruitman, PO Box 229, Trail, 97541, or bring to the picnic or September meeting. Thank you in advance for participating. Your enthusiasm will ensure a successful fund raiser and a great cookbook!

For many years, technology has provided anglers with smaller devices, like float tubes, to access fishing spots. Float tubes are not classified as a vessel, so anglers who use them are not required to carry a life jacket.

Anglers are also using small pontoon fishing boats that are propelled by oars or fins for fishing. People using these types of vessels are required to carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.

If a fisherman is sitting above the water, and the vessel is designed to be rowed or paddled, then a life jacket is required on the vessel. Children under 12 must wear their life jacket.

On Sundays, Bob Roberts will be hosting the club’s Casting Clinics, 1 to 3pm, at the Casting Pond, All Sports Park, Grants Pass.

If you need practice or would like suggestions to improve your casting skills stop by.

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, September 24, 7-9 PM
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OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

AGNESS OUTING ON THE LOWER ROGUE RIVER

When: September 20, 2003  8:00am
Where: Meet at Cougar Lane Store/Motel in Agness, where the Illinois meets the Rogue.

This outing begins our fall Steelhead season. The half pounder run will hopefully be in full swing. This is some easy fishing, in that we don’t need lengthy casts or much expertise. Come and swing some flies. Mayfly nymphs in sizes 10-14 and all your favorite traditional steelhead flies are worth a try. Bring 4-6 weight rods, waders and your usual accoutrements.

The old Bear Camp Road from Merlin sounds like it is in pretty bad shape, so I recommend coming in from the coast through Gold Beach. It is a good two hour plus drive and there are plenty of RV parks and motels around if you want to get in the day before. As usual I’ll have more info at the next meeting and call me if you have any questions or ideas to share.

Teresa Kasza
Outings Chairperson
862-2086

Union Creek Outing
July 26, 2003

A great day!  A great turnout!

Valley of the Rogue State Park

Wednesday night, July 23rd, Bob Roberts, Kevin Daniels and Jim Tehan provided a short program on Fly Fishing including Casting and Fly Tying for the Campers at Valley of the Rogue State Park. Due to the smoke in the area the night prior, most campers traveled to other areas. The few that remained enjoyed the evening and thanked SOFF for the presentation.

Jim Tehan
This attractor fly can be tied without weight, as a bead head, or with a lead wire under the thoracic area beneath the ostrich feather wrap. Although I use a widgeon feather for the soft hackle, half stripped, a similar feather could be used. It should flow to the bend of the hook. While fishing, use a short retrieve to give the feathers a life-like movement. This attractor pattern has been used successfully in both rivers and stillwaters. In rivers I cast a quarter upstream and then retrieve with short pulls while working downstream. In lakes I use it trolling while jigging the line. Success is attributed to using pheasant, an excellent attractant, the pleasing red body and soft hackle to bring it alive. The fly was designed after many years listening to fly fishers describe the best materials for fly tying in order to attract fish. I then named it after my wife, Nancy. Even if it did not catch fish it has done wonders for my marriage.

Morris Fruitman

Recipe for Ms. Nancy

- **Hook:** Mustad 9672-#6 (or equal)
- **Thread:** Black, Danville’s, 6/0, waxed
- **Tail:** Pheasant spear tips
- **Butt:** Pheasant, 3 strands
- **Under body:** Holographic tinsel, silver
- **Body:** Antron, bright red
- **Wire wrap:** Silver wire
- **Thorax:** Black ostrich, 5 strands
- **Soft hackle:** Widgeon (or equal), 1/2 stripped, 3 wraps
- **Head:** Overwrap black head with red thread

Note: Some substitutions can be made, as appropriate, but the integrity of the fly should remain the same.

Judy Nagel

On the Wood River holding a beautiful rainbow. June, 2003

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

**Membership Form**

- Regular.................................................................$25.00
- Family.................................................................$35.00
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OF HABITS AND HABITATS

The importance of habitat for wild fish has been underlined by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s creation this year of a “Conservation and Recovery Program” aimed at minimizing the negative effects of hatcheries on wild fish. Locally, a middle school has received a $7,000 foundation grant for its science and math students to study fish habitat. At the same time, the Habitat Division of ODFW has been dissolved for a one time savings of $240,000. Confusing?

Since 1877 Oregon hatcheries have attempted to replace wild fish lost to habitat degradation with hatchery produced fish. Joe Whitworth, executive director of Oregon Trout, sees hatcheries as “a very expensive habit”, costing in the case of spring chinook, $175 per fish. He says that “investing in habitat will have these fish produced, ultimately, for free”. While perhaps an overstatement, Oregon Trout, a major actor in the restoration of habitat for wild fish, has been instrumental in concrete steps toward that end.

A case in point is the establishment of “Salmon Anchor Habitats” in 17 specific basins of the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests. Highly productive spawning areas will be protected in an agreement crafted by the Oregon Department of Forestry, ODFW and Oregon Trout. Whitworth refers to these areas as “fish refuges” and sees the project as a model for future habitat protection.

The choice to this writer seems to be between a costly habit producing inferior fish, or improved habitats, producing superior fish for less money. What do you think?

Redge Heth

COOKING CORNER

Earthquake Cake

1st Layer:
Spread evenly in a 9x12 ungreased pan:
1 c. chopped pecans
1 c. grated coconut

2nd Layer:
Mix 1 box German Chocolate cake mix, per directions on box. Spread cake batter over pecans and coconut in pan.

3rd Layer/Topping:
1 - 8 oz. pkg cream cheese (softened)
1 cube margarine (softened)
1 box powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
Mix until smooth, spoon over cake batter.

Bake: 350 degrees, 45-50 minutes. Do not overbake. Top will show cracks all over the surface, thus “Earthquake”.

Martha Koch

Don’t miss the SWAP MEET at this year’s Annual Picnic on Sunday, September 14! Our members are sure to make it a great opportunity to find a bargain or two.

SELLERS: Bring outdoor gear, marked with your asking price and a table, blanket or tarp for your display.

BUYERS: Bring your shopping list: rods, line, nets, tying equipment and supplies, flotation devices (boats?), camping goods, vests, jackets...Can’t wait to see what people are selling! Remember sellers, participation costs $5 per membership listing.

Beth Williams, Chair

Dave, Dennis and Dick
Summer? What Summer?
Am I alone or has summer just passed? What happened to all of those plans to fish new places? If you attended the club’s outings you had the opportunity to fish many locations. Perhaps you now have a few ‘secret’ spots tucked away.

You should try to go to the coast this year and fish for quarter pounders at the September outing in Agness. Even if you have successfully fished for steelhead in the past this is one trip that you may be happy you participated in. Knowing this area and being able to successfully fish the lower Rogue is fishing at its best.....when the fish are running.

Our last trip to Agness was not a fly fisher’s dream. It was no one’s fault. The steelhead were running the day before we got there and ran again the day after we left! Nevertheless, the river was beautiful, clear and clean. Pools speak of promises to be kept, if you just fish them one more time. Our friends, smiles and stories were exceptional. I enjoyed the trip, and company, very much.

I just copied old 8mm video movies to VHS. One sequence was special for me. We were in Juno, Alaska, fishing for salmon. I was video taping a Bald Eagle, located atop a tall pine. It dropped to the water to scoop up a small fish right next to the boat. It then flew back to the tree. It was a magnificent sight.

Morris Fruitman

Note: Please advise the Editor if you do not receive your newsletter by the first week of the month.
October 16th

Our Annual Fund Raiser!

This is a FUN event and we are also raising the funds needed to operate this next year. Help us meet our goal so your club can help fund youth activities, seminars and workshops, environmental projects and provide educational scholarships. There are so many positive results to participating in this event that we cannot begin to list them all. You do not have to be a big spender in either auction. There are so many items to be had you are sure to find many things you cannot live without. Bidding against others, whether you want an item or not, can be fun. How about donating back something you just bought? Attend the meeting and bring your credit card or check book. They even accept cash! Try either the Silent Auction or the Bidding Auction that follows. We will once again have the services of that master auctioneer, Wayne Liska. He is fun to deal with and just plain entertaining to watch even if you are not bidding. Come on, get into the spirit of the auction. You could walk away with some great items and maybe a bargain or two. New members as well as old are encouraged to participate in the fun.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is October and time for SOFF's annual auction. As most of you know, this is our only fund raiser. Among the most notable of our events, monies raised from the auction go toward the two scholarships given each year, pays for great speakers at monthly meetings, supports the many clinics we enjoy every year, and supports habitat projects.

It takes some special planning from the chair of this event to produce enough bid items for all those attending the auction. This year Don Carr is doing a magnificent job planning and gathering donations. It takes a team of other members who volunteer their time and energy, such as John Edwards who took charge of all the art work, including the framing and selected those who tied the special flies for each print; Carey Williams who gathered those popular boxes of flies tied by members; Dick Butler, Morris & Nancy Fruitman, Mike Canet, Vera Edwards, among others, who spent time collecting items from local merchants. Thanks to all who have helped.

You, the members and your guests, are the integral part of this auction; our success depends upon your attendance at the October meeting and willingness to participate to support the club. For bidding purposes, credit cards are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all at what promises to be an exciting and humorous meeting!

Jim Tehan, President

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Purchasing and selling hat/lapel pins with our SOFF logo was discussed.
2. Redge Heth and Bruce Bochman discussed fishing the Wood River and the current situation of low fish counts and rechanneled waters.
3. Carey is collecting flies for the auction and has 12-13 boxes to date. The new beginner fly tying class will begin on January 6, 2004; John Edwards, instructor.
4. Due to the length of the evening, a door prize will follow the auction. A ticket will be given with each dinner purchased.
5. Recipes for the SOFF Cookbook are being steadily returned.

Nancy Fruitman, Acting Secretary

ATTENTION! Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.
Next meetings will be October 2nd and November 6th at 6:30.
All members are welcome.
**PROGRAMS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Skip Morris - Nov. 20
Author, fly tyer, TV host and much more. You will not want to miss this presentation. We will also be holding elections.

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**WHEN:**

October 16, 2003

**WHERE:**

Riverside Conf. Center Grants Pass

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**TIMES:**

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Silent Auction

7:30 PM Meeting

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**Dinner** followed by Auction

Door prize raffle to close evening.

Bring your name tag and a fly for the ‘raffle flies.’

 THERE MAY be a special raffle, again, if you do!!!!!

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**AUCTION**

One of the many special items that will be auctioned off will be this dinner set for four and the completer set from High Country Arts, Shady Cove. Other items include a beautiful hand made knife and sheath by member Bruce Bohman. Auction items include wading sticks, instructional DVD’s on fly fishing, back pack, chest and hip waders, autographed fly fishing books, mail box, 5/6 reel with case, framed art works(See last month’s newsletter.), fly rods, fishing vests, guided fishing trips, fly lines, hockey tickets with parking pass and a party afterwards, pontoon boat, $100 savings bonds, dozens of fishing flies, golfing for four, eye exam and glasses, weekend car rental, 2 Blazer tickets and parking, lodging, $500 gift certificate at Lithia motors, Sage rod case, lodging, lodging, lodging, cash off for reel and vise, several cases of wine, un-guided and guided fishing trips, many gift certificates, boxes and boxes of flies, fly lines, feathers, lots of fly tying materials, eateries, hair cut, hooks, fly box, reels, wading shoes, fly fishing video, sun gloves, books galore, thermometer, leaders, magnetic rod carrier and so much more! We have dinner and lodging combinations, raft trips and new items are coming in every day. Remember that this is a fund raiser so have fun and be ready to bid up the competition. You can help the club do great things this coming year.

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Jim Tehan
Angler Book Supply

And much, much more!
FLY TYING CLASS
Sign-ups will be taken shortly for the next fly tying class to be held in January. Starting January 6, John Edwards will be teaching the course for 24 tiers on a first come, first served basis. The 10 week course will offer basic to intermediate flies. The fee will be $30, in advance, and students will be required to provide their own tools. All materials will be provided including thread. The class will be evenings, 7-10pm. The location is thought to be Grants Pass High.

John Edwards working with last year's Fly Tying Class

Mystery Photo
Who is the fisher in tow on the Williamson River last month? Could it be the lightning, thunder and heavy rain that wore him out? Whose hand turned blue holding the line? Anon.

PICNIC CASTING WINNERS SHINE
Women’s Accuracy: Charlotte Holzen 1st; Pat Waller 2nd
Women’s Distance: Pat Waller 1st; Charlotte Holzen 2nd
Men’s Accuracy: Mike Day 1st; Robert Hodge 2nd
Men’s Distance: Jeff Fox 1st; David Haight 2nd
First place winners received a dinner for 2 gift certificate redeemable at our club meeting.
(Kim DeVries won the Gary Anderson rod at the picnic raffle!)

RECIPES • RECIPES • RECIPES
Many recipes were collected by committee members at the picnic and the September meeting. More collection sheets have been handed out also. Our goal is 300 recipes! Please mail to Nancy Fruitman, PO Box 229, Trail, 97541. Thank you all for sharing. Your enthusiasm will ensure a successful fund raiser and a great cookbook! Nancy Fruitman

For Sale
A Classic Beauty
A 15’ fiberglass over wood, ’60’s runabout, made by Dorset. It sports a 40 hp Johnson, newly re-built and runs very well. A bimini top keeps the sun off. Brand new trailer. It does need an electric motor for still water trolling. Seating for four. Moves right along. We have been asking $1250 but will accept $950 (Club Special) if you smile nicely! Call Morris Fruitman at 878-8038. E-mail photo on request.

For Sale
CANOE 14 ft. Mad River Winooski with paddles, life jackets, seat backrest and anchor system. This is a sport model that is well suited to fly fishing. It is stable enough to stand and cast. Asking price is $600. Call John Edwards 479-8026

SUNDAY CASTING CLINIC
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OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Middle Rogue River Steelhead Fishing

Fearless (Leaky Boat) Leader: Mike Trask
When: October 18, 2003
Meet: Shari’s in Grants Pass, 7am for breakfast, 7:30 assign boats and schedule timed put-ins.
Leave the parking lot by 8am, launch by 9:00.
Flies: Singles or droppers, weighted nymphs, egg patterns and leeches. Bring old favorites such as Carey Special, Brindle Bug and Red Ant. (Bring your secret fly.)
Rods: Bring 6/7 wt rods.

The outing will cover various stretches of the Middle Rogue from Gold Hill to Robertson Bridge. Mike will split us into groups so our floatilla does not create pressure on one stretch. Boats will have two slots available in each. Many stretches are great for pontoon boats. Those who feel up to it can join in the trip without reservations. Remember the weather is going to chill more by then so dress accordingly. We will be following the salmon searching for steelhead. Wear waders for the riffles and bring a lunch. Call me to get on the list. I would love to have some folks who have never had a chance to drift the Rogue join us for this great fly fishing opportunity.

Teresa Kasza  Outings Chairperson
862-2086

Picnic Capers

Jim and Gene serve Martha BBQ tri-tip at our September 14th SOFF picnic (Above). The Coders and Ayars enjoy the BBQ, the plentiful salads and desserts provided by members.

Gary Miller

Landing a nice fish on the Williamson River, August, 2003. Caught with a Red Butt Soft Hackle fly he tied, he was fishing alone and in his own boat. The weather was ‘hot’ and so was the fishing! Good catch!
**The Golden Stone Fly**

SLF Golden Stone or Plecoptera: Perlidae to those more scientifically minded. This Golden Stone pattern is tied by Lee Costner who contributes to the magazine, Fly Tying World. The SLF stands for Synthetic Living Fiber. Any fiber that is translucent will work. In the earlier part of the season tie as shown. As the season progresses and the nymphs grow darker, darken the body and the wing case. This fly works well in stained water, still or flowing.

**Correction**

Ms. Nancy, last month’s fly, incorrectly listed the tail and butt as Pheasant. We all know he meant to say Peacock spear and butt. Thanks John for the heads up.

**Editor**

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**Recipe for Golden Stone**

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**Directions**

Begin by installing the bead on the hook. Tie the biots to the rear of the hook. Tie in the under body at the rear of the hook. Tie in the peacock herl and the larvae lace. Wrap the underbody 2/3s of the way to the eye. Spiral the peacock herl over the underbody. Wrap the larvae lace over the underbody and peacock herl. Tie in wingcase in front of body. Dub SLF to make a thorax. Tie in the rubber legs and wrap the dubbing forward and divide the legs with the dubbing. Fold the wingcase over the top of the thorax and tie off behind the beadhead. Put some tying cement on the tying thread and wrap several tight wraps behind the beadhead. Trim excess thread and wingcase. Fish this nymph as you would any other. Near the bottom.

Carey Williams

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**Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman**

**Membership Form**

- Regular: $25.00
- Family: $35.00
- Youth: $5.00
- Contributing: $50.00
- Lifetime (Individual): $250.00
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Mark Swanburg
Holding a 27 inch Williamson River trout, caught at the Water Wheel RV Park boat ramp at dusk.

HABITAT NEWS
Diamond Lake Restoration
The public input process for the attempts to solve water quality and fishery problems at Diamond Lake continues. A decision on which of five proposed actions will be adopted is scheduled for May, 2004. Barring litigation, the process could begin in the Fall of 2004. Briefly, the five proposals are:
1. No action. Experimental fish stocking would continue.
2. Drawdown of the lake, mechanical harvesting followed by rotenone treatment.
3. Same as #2, except the lake would be managed for “put and take” fishing only.
4. Same as #2, except the chemical antimycin would replace rotenone.
5. Six years of mechanical harvesting of fish followed by stocking large predacious fish.

See Carey Williams or Redge Heth for details

Wood River Restoration
Begun in 1997 and completed in 2002, the project restored 27 acres of wetlands above Agency Lake, filled in canals that drained wetlands for pasturage, and dredged 2.5 miles of the Wood River to restore the historic natural river bed. The expectation was that more favorable water temperatures would result and spawning and rearing habitat for fish would be enhanced. Many governmental agencies and private groups were part of one of the largest stream restoration projects ever. Now some observers are concerned that the results are not what was predicted, and fish may not be reaching spawning areas. The SOFF Board is seeking accurate information. See Redge or Bruce Boehman

Slate Creek Habitat
Boulders and logs are arriving for streambed placement at nine points on the creek. Applegate Watershed project leader Chris Vogel has offered to take SOFF members on tours of the work done prior to the winter rains, and in the Spring to see the effects of the effort. Photos will document streambed changes. Spawning and rearing habitat enhancement will greatly benefit Applegate River fish. Consider participation in these tours, and in riparian planting to follow. Look for announcements at meetings and in the newsletter.

Ex-fireman Paul Cook

PIEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE
1 cube Butter
1 box Brown Sugar (1 pound)
1 pkg. Pecans
1 jar Marachino Cherries
1 can Pineapple Tidbits (14 oz.)
1 box Duncan Hines Pineapple Supreme

Melt the butter in 9 by 13 baking dish. Add the box of brown sugar, pecans, cherries, and the drained pineapple. Mix the box of cake mix per directions, pour into the baking dish. Bake 350 degrees 40 to 50 minutes. Check to see if done, using a toothpick. Remove when done, cover with a large piece of foil. Place a bread board over the foil and turn over. Do this while hot. ‘Be Careful!’ Dam the foil around the outside of the cake. Slowly lift the baking dish off. The hot sugar will flow out around the cake. This is our famous firehouse recipe.

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Redge Heth
Who's SOFT?

No, I am not accusing anyone of being a weak fly fisher. I am talking about the Southern Oregon Fly Tiers (SOFT). There are no dues or costs of any kind, only a few hours of your time once a month. We have had a notice of our meetings in the Newsletter for a year now so you might have an idea there is some connection to our club. The Board approved the group as a splinter 'Special Interest' group and, by default, I have been selected the President, Chairman and acting CEO. There are no elections or even formalities except a desire to tie flies with friends, learn new techniques and discuss almost anything. There is one requirement, a fly must be donated at the meeting. The block of donated flies is raffled off at the end of the evening. There is also a fly exchange. You bring about 12 flies. They are all the same. They are sorted out and returned to all contributors. You receive in return a like number of flies all tied by other members of the group. No two flies are ever exactly alike, even though all contributors are tying the same fly. Anyone is welcome to join as long as you tie. It does not matter what your skill level is, you are welcome to participate. If there is a particular technique you would like to learn all you need to do is ask, someone will volunteer to help either right then or at the next meeting (when they can bring all of the materials needed). We tie, have fun and learn. Why not join us? If you have any questions ask Fly Tying Chair Carey Williams or Beth Williams.

Morris Fruitman

SOFT
Meets 4th Wed of month, 7-9 pm, Medford, Lions Sight and Hearing Ctr.
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November, 2003

AUCTION
HUGE SUCCESS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

• This month is the election for the Board of Directors. They are selected and voted on at the general meeting. The Board consists of nine members, eight of which are elected each year. The president remains a Board member for one year following his term as president. Nominations will be open from the floor on the night of the election for any member who would be willing to serve on the Board. This is the time you can step up and volunteer. Some have approached me with suggestions on the direction the club should be moving. This is your time to join the Board and make the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers even greater than it is today.

• In last month’s newsletter there appeared a mystery photo. Yes, that was yours truly. I was not necessarily soaking wet from the rain but completely worn out. This was one of those days if it could go wrong - it did. John Edwards and I were attending the August outing on the Williamson River. Arriving a day early we planned on floating the area from the public landing to the Water Wheel. This was my first time on the river and also my first time in a pontoon boat. The sky was extremely dark when we launched. The further we traveled downstream the darker it got. Suddenly the sky opened up with lightning, thunder and heavy rain. We made it through the rapids and were rowing down the frog water with the river appearing more like an ocean. The wind was blowing in my face and rowing did not seem to be helping me move down river. I looked behind and noticed my anchor was dragging the bottom. No wonder. John was much further downstream.

Suddenly in the distance I noticed a drift boat. As it got closer I saw Marlon Rampy with Dick Butler and Morris Fruitman aboard. As I approached, Marlon had me throw him a rope and he towed me as far as they could. It seemed it was 50 miles. And yes, my friend Dick Butler, held the rope leaving a permanent mark on his hand. I will never be able to thank Marlon and Dick enough for their help on this day. The photo failed to show John also being towed. A dead battery, the next day, is another story. Thanks Dennis Nagel for your help.

It was nice to have members of our club there to help when it was truly needed. Thanks again!

Jim Tehan, President

October Board Meeting

1. Auction-Don Carr provided an update on the auction. Lists and procedures were reviewed and approved and a 3-4 item raffle was approved as well, plus, two door prizes.

2. Board Nominees—a slate of nominees for next year’s Board was reviewed and approved.

3. Wood River—a letter from BLM was reviewed which discussed the work done on the Wood River. BLM and Oregon Trout will provide a guided tour of the work areas in the spring.

4. Cookbooks—approximately 160 recipes have been received so far. At least 140 more are needed.

5. Raffle Tickets—the problem of compromised (folded, spindled, mutilated, etc.) raffle tickets was discussed. An article will appear in the next newsletter addressing this issue.

Dick Butler, Secretary

Gary Mihalek
New Lifetime Member

ATTENTION!
Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Community Bank at 6th and Savage, Grants Pass.

Next meetings are scheduled November 6th and December 4th at 6:30.

All members are welcome.
**programs**

**Next Meeting**

Dec. 18

Jim Teeny will be our featured speaker. Don’t miss this excellent program.

Native Fish, Wild Fish, Hatcheries and Habitat

Starter Quiz: In 1974, one state entirely eliminated hatchery fish from its streams. It is the only state to do so. What is the name of the state? *(Answer on page 6)*

Originated in Oregon in 1877 to mitigate fish loss to habitat degradation, today the state’s 34 hatcheries produce 50 million fish, of which 78% are salmon, 10% steelhead and 12% trout.

On September 13, 2003 ODFW adopted a revised Native Fish Conservation Policy. The policy is an expansion of the Wild Fish Management Policy of 1992. Used as a basis for managing, among other things, hatcheries and habitat, the stated goal is the “conservation and recovery” of naturally produced (wild) fish in their native habitat. Naturally produced fish are to occupy at least 50% of a given fish population’s historic habitat, and at least 90% of spawners must be naturally produced.

According to Ray J. White, Fly Fish America’s “wild fish expert”, emphasis on protection and/or restoration of wild fish populations is not new. In the 1930’s Alaska ended stocking of rivers. The policy ended in 1970, but was restored in 1996. In the 1930’s, Canada ended stocking of western salmon and trout. Similar actions were taken by Alberta in the 1950’s, Michigan and Wisconsin in the 1960’s, Yellowstone National Park in the 1970’s, Pennsylvania in 1986, British Colombia in 1991, and Washington in 1997.

Feelings about hatcheries range from the need to eliminate them, to recognizing a place for them along with a wild fish emphasis. What do you think? Can you cite the major arguments for each case? A future article will examine the issue.

Redge Heth

**Skip Morris - November Speaker**

Skip is a multi-talented speaker, fly fisher, writer, fly tier, television personality and actor in fly fishing instructional videos. He has authored a multitude of books, columns and magazine articles. He has several videos currently in production and was featured in the 1996 issue of Fly Tying magazine in a full feature article titled “Skip Morris, the Man in the Painting.” He fishes still water, rivers and streams as well as salt water. He ties flies in all sizes and shapes as well as full dress spey flies. Bring your curiosity and questions. Skip’s program will prove to be entertaining as well as educational. Don’t miss this one.

Buck Woodburn, Program Chair
Agness Outing Review

Well, I warned you at the meeting. For those of you who went for rumor #1 and thought the fishing was over, you missed a great time. Rumor #2, well, it turned out not to be such a rumor. Our turnout was definitely smaller but the diehards were rewarded. Richard Blake, Dick Butler, Joe and Charlotte Holzen, Bob Holder, Jimmie Tehan, Sonja Nisson, myself and even Otis Swisher from the Rogue Flyfishers came. Exley Mixon camped out for a week! Our group worked the area around Foster Bar. The prince nymph was King for the Day. Sonja watched Otis pull in 5 the first hour and Richard 3. Otis had tied up several prince nymphs with all biots dark and he shared the extras with us. It worked magic for me and I landed 5 that afternoon.

Dick Butler and Exley worked the Illinois and had splendiferous luck. Between the two they counted 20 half pounders. The weather was brisk in the morning and in the 90's for the afternoons. We came home over Bear Camp Road and it wasn’t a bad daylight drive.

Thank You for a Great Day of Fishing

Orville Tanner and I would like to thank the Club, Jeff Fox and Josh White for a great day of fishing. Orville was my guest for the March outing and won the raffle of a guided fishing trip with Josh or Jeff. I guess Josh drew the short straw as he was our guide. We fished from Baker Park to the Ferry Hole. We landed two nice steelhead and hooked two salmon but didn’t land them. We found out that Josh is in great shape as he had to row for 20 minutes with the salmon I had on and 40 minutes with Orville’s salmon. Josh did an excellent job of teaching us how to fish the River. Again, thanks to all of you who made this a great trip.

Steelhead, 4 lbs., Rogue River
Fly? Green Butt Skunk
Mike Canet

For Sale

CANOE 14 ft. Mad River Winooski with paddles, life jackets, seat backrest and anchor system. This is a sport model that is well suited to fly fishing. It is stable enough to stand and cast. Asking price is $600.
Call John Edwards 479-8026

Fly Tying Class Begins - January 6th

Register now, class space is limited to 24.
Location: Grants Pass High School
Times: 7 to 10 pm, once a week.
Participants to provide own tools: Vice, bobbin, hackle pliers, scissors and more. All materials will be provided. Regis: $30
Contact: John Edwards at next meeting (or call ASAP).

Southern Oregon Fly Tiers, November 26, 7-9 PM
Lion’s Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly Street, Medford
Contact: Morris Fruitman 878-8038 All tiers are welcome.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Winter Fishing the Holy Water
RiversEdge Park
Foot of Lost Creek Lake Dam

Leader:          Joe Holzen
When:           November 22, 2003
Meet:           8:30 am, Two Pines Restaurant (on Hwy 62), Shady Cove.
Flies:          Look for the flies at the November meeting! Leeches and attractors.

This is an awesome opportunity to fish with a guy who knows these waters well. He will talk technique and flies and will even provide a map of favorite spots. Last year I went with Joe and I remember hooking eleven and landing seven.

Your job: A) Sign up at the November meeting; B) Dress warmly for the weather. Have your waders and gloves. Bring a lunch and the right equipment; C) Right equipment as follows: 3-6 wt rods with either a full sinking #2 or a slime line (Intermediate sink) or a sink tip #2. You’ll want an 8-9 foot leader with 3-4x tipppet. At the November meeting Joe will tie the appropriate flies, so pay close attention. A hint: We’ll be using nymphs tied in hot orange marabou and one with lemon/lime sparkle chenille for a body and a green marabou tail. See the Fly of the Month as an example.

Teresa Kasza  Outings Chairperson
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October Outing
A lot of big fish were hooked and a lot of big fish were lost. Mike Trask organized the outing with great help from volunteer rowers including Jim Tehan, Dick Adams, Tony Brauner, David Haight and Gary Miller. Between boats and pontoon floats we covered the river from Valley of the Rogue to Robertson Bridge. Mike Trask hooked and landed a steelhead easily over 10 pounds. Dick Adams, close, oh so close, another ten pounder next to the net, two misses and it broke away. Both Canet’s hooked into large steelies that both broke off. The same sad story goes for Jeff Birdsong. Ned and Donna Snyder didn’t land the big one but their stretch of river was filled with the magnificent sight of salmon spawning.

For the many first timers in a driftboat, let me remind you that this experience can be repeated many more times by taking advantage of the incredible guides that belong to our club. They know the river, the techniques, the flies. Some even make a pretty good lunch. Hats off to everyone that gave of their time.

Teresa Kasza

Joe Holzen at Agness Outing
Joe will be teaching at the club’s Holy Water outing in November. He will be showing successful flies used in the past and helpful techniques to catch the elusive big fish. Note: The Holy Water is a ‘Fly Fishing Only’ location limited to barbless hooks only. Barbless? Crimp ‘em or buy ‘em.

TOM SNOW, new member, FIRST steelhead, on the October Outing! Great smile!
Recipe for The Red One
Tier: Joe Holzen

Hook: Mustad 3906B Szs. 8 or 10, 9671 Sz. 10
Thread: Hot red, 6/0
Weight: .015 lead wire, 7 wraps
Body: Red Short Shuck, 'Jay Fair'
Tail: Hot Orange or Red Marabou
Krystal Flash: Blue, silver, gold or your choice

Directions

1. Sharpen hook.
2. Wrap seven wraps of lead wire to front of hook. Be sure to leave room for the head.
4. Wrap thread to rear of hook above barb of hook, then back to behind lead wire.
5. Tie in marabou (3/16 to 1/4 bunch) behind lead wire, wrap back to above barb. Tail should be 1” to 1 1/2” long.
6. Tie in krystal flash, one on each side of tail, same length as tail.
7. Tie in short shuck at last wrap on tail (furtherest to rear).
8. Wrap short shuck forward, tease to rear of each wrap, tie off at front of lead wire.
9. Wrap head.

Rods: 5-6 wt.  Lines: forward sinking #2 slime line, sink tip #2  Leader: 6-8 ft. tapered to 3X  Knot: Use loop knot to tie leader to fly.

Fishing Technique: Cast across or slightly upstream, let line sink to about 6-10 inches under surface. Use short, 2-3 inch quick strips, pause (very short) and repeat.

Joe Holzen

(Answer to Question on Page 3: Montana)

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

Membership Form

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BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES
The following members of SOFF have been presented to the Board for approval, according to the by-laws, and all have been approved to seek a position and have agreed to serve. There is a need to fill 8 positions for the 2004 Board of Directors. The (B) indicates a current Board member.

Jim Bignall - Jim has been a club member for 3 years and has been involved with many of the club's functions, the last was helping cook at the club picnic. He is always at tree plants and attends most outings.

Steve Bonner - Steve is a charter member of the club and served on the 2002 Board, and has served several other years also. He has always helped in any way he can.

Dick Butler (B) - Dick has been a member of the Board for 2002 and 2003, holding the position of secretary and membership chair. He has worked hard over the past 4 years, helping with habitat projects and anywhere needed.

Kevin Daniels - A long-time member of the club, Kevin has helped with casting instruction, fly tying classes, and the beginning fly fishing class. He is always ready to set up and help where he is needed.

Morris Fruitman (B) - Morris was a Board member in 2001 and 2003. He has worked very hard as editor of our newsletter, making sure they are delivered the first week of the month and always filled with many interesting articles.

Nancy Fruitman - Nancy, a retired teacher, is currently co-editor of the SOFF newsletter, historian and chair person of the cookbook committee. She is always busy working on the auction and anywhere her many talents are needed.

Redge Heth - Redge, a retired educator, has held the position of Habitat chair for 2003. He has done a wonderful job getting the club involved in programs such as Slate Creek restoration and has regained club involvement in watershed councils.

Teresa Kasza (B) - Teresa has been a member of the 2003 Board, holding the position of outings chair and doing a great job. She loves to fly fish, enjoys introducing others to the sport and works hard at any project she takes on.

Bob Roberts (B) - Bob is also a charter member of the club and in the past has served as President. He is well known throughout the club and most clubs in Oregon. He has helped with casting classes, the auction and whenever needed.

Dave Russell (B) - Dave has been a Board member the last two years, handling the raffle for the monthly meetings. He has acquired seedlings for many of our habitat projects. He works hard and is always willing to help where he can.

Buck Woodburn (B) - Buck, a member of the 2003 Board, has been the program chair and has worked extremely hard to bring many great speakers to our monthly meetings. He also put on a pontoon clinic and helps with outings.

SOFF COOKBOOK
We need 120 more recipes!!!!!!
Thanks to all of you who have contributed your wonderful recipes! However, there are many of you out there who I know still want to share yours, it's not too late and we need you!

Mail to: Nancy Fruitman
P.O. Box 229
Trail, OR 97541

Remember, you may be the lucky one to win the rod (max 5 tickets per family!).

COOKING CORNER
Sour Cream Potato Soup

2 C. Diced potatoes
1 C. Boiling water
1 tsp. Salt
1 sm. Onion, sliced
1/2 tsp. Pepper
2 C. Sour cream

Combine diced potatoes, boiling water, salt, onion and pepper. Cook for 15 minutes. Add sour cream and cook until potatoes are tender. Serve hot. Garnish with parsley. Serves six small portions.

Charlotte Holzen

The Gypsy Moth, or....
Where did that thing come from?

At the last auction meeting Pres. Tehan was given the important task of printing out the list of oral auction items for the auctioneer. Using a borrowed printer from Dick Butler, Secretary, he hit the print button. The printer rumbled, moaned, crunched, coughed and finally refused to print. Messing with the printer Jim said it was now finally ready. It sputtered once or twice and then spit out a sheet of paper with a dead moth on it. It worked just fine after that.
Co-Editor Nancy Fruitman

There are times when you must give credit to someone that neither asks for it or wants it. This is that time. Publishing this newsletter is a joint effort between me and my wife Nancy. She does a lions share of the typing, edits the product until we have it right and goes over it again and again until satisfied we have caught everything possible. She also makes suggestions on how we might improve the newsletter, suggests features and prepares them. She is my best critic and will not hesitate to make gentle suggestions for changes, photos and art work. We never argue about the contents but I will almost always heed her advice. She is truly my ‘right hand man’. She also manages to be the club’s historian and is putting together our first cook book, with a committee. It is a club fund raiser. A big thanks for a job well done. I cannot predict what will happen next year since the new Board has not, as yet, been selected. But we can look back and see what has been done in the past and I want to make sure that we give credit where credit is due even when it is not asked for.

Thanks Nancy for all of your help.

It is time to select your new Board. Give this a great deal of thought before you vote at this month’s meeting. Every Board member must do their fair share and contribute equally in the management and operation of the club. The speakers, outings, club workshops, instructional classes and more, just do not happen, they are caused. The people that make these things happen are you and I. It is not only Board members that work, many members put a great deal of effort and time into making things happen. I would like to make a few suggestions: 1) Select your new Board carefully; 2) Contribute your own expertise when you can, no matter how big or small. It takes all of us to continue this club’s traditions as well as evolve new and desirable innovations.

Morris Fruitman
TO ONE AND ALL!

The Board of Directors would like to wish every one of you, and your families, our very best wishes for the holidays and the year. Good fishing and 'Happy Tales'

CREDITS

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John Edwards: Representative to Oregon FFF
Vera Edwards: Raffle Assist./Cookbook Co-Chair
Nancy Fruitman: Co-Editor, Historian, Cookbook
Reginald Heth: Habitat Chairman
Charlotte & Joe Holzen: SOFF Wear
Duane Chebul: Web Master
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Over the past year, we have seen the club grow to over 340 members and we’re still growing. Families with beginning fly fishers and those with expertise in fly fishing are joining. Some of the reasons?

RECAP
Monthly programs have been the best in the country and more programs are now centered in the Northwest. More are planned for our area.

The Education Committee has been established and will jump into action next year. They will be looking into how we can better help the members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.

Newsletters have been sent early in the month and the cost of production and mailing has been cut nearly in half. We have acquired computers and related equipment to allow a much more professional letter.

We have stepped up to develop a cookbook to raise revenue to support our educational programs.

Our outings have been well-attended and well-organized.

Members have had great opportunities to fish many varied locations.

This year’s auction was the most successful in our club’s history. The room was filled to capacity.

FUTURE PLANS
The board is looking into obtaining equipment to help make monthly meetings even more enjoyable.

Our Habitat program is growing and moving in several directions, guided by a great chairman.

Yes, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have made some great improvements in 2003 and are looking forward to more in 2004. You, the members, can help move our club forward. Just step up and assist any committee. We can always use volunteers.

Once again it’s time to install some new people to the Board of Directors and select a new group of officers to lead the club for another year.

Jim Tehan, President

Minutes
Board Meeting of 11/03

1. The Oral Auction brought in $18,000. The Silent Auction, $2,980. Thanks to Don Carr for a great job.
2. Several items of video and projection equipment will be purchased for use by speakers, at outings, habitat projects, etc. as appropriate.
3. The December membership meeting will be a sit down dinner with turkey and ham as entrees.
4. Nominees for 2004 Board positions were reviewed. Voting will take place at the November membership meeting.
5. Current membership: 344

Dick Butler, Secretary
Programs

Next Meeting
January 15, 2004
Randy and Josh White
Stillwater Fishing

Speaker's Biography
Jim Teeny

Out of his passion for fly fishing, Jim Teeny originated the “Teeny Nymph Fly” pattern in May of 1962 at Oregon’s East Lake for large cruising Rainbow Trout. Little did he know, while a Junior in High School, this would design his future. While appreciating much success with his fly pattern, Jim began to experiment with new colors of flies and on other species of fish. Out of this began the Teeny Nymph Company which was started in July of 1971. Jim currently resides and operates his business in Gresham, Oregon which is now known as Jim Teeny, Inc.

Jim has always been on the cutting edge of the fly fishing industry with his innovative and creative designing of new products for the sport. He was the leader in the sinking flyline market, originally designing his T-series lines; Jim has designed a full range of flylines that fish from top to bottom in fresh and salt water. His newest design is for night fishing with a flyline that “Glows in the Dark”.

Using his products and techniques, Jim has 10 IGFA Fly Rod World Records to his credit, and has released many others.

Jim has appeared on many television shows, teaching and sharing his techniques with anyone willing to listen and learn. He also shares his information through major National Fishing Magazine Publications with articles he writes and articles that are written about him and his contributions to the sport of fly fishing.

Jim Teeny has always enjoyed his active participation in the Fly Fishing Industry and is a true pioneer and leader with his many offerings to the sport.

Jim Teeny

Credits: Jim is an author, lecturer, photographer, and has several instructional videos available. His “Catching More Steelhead” video, produced by Scientific Anglers, won the 1988 “Teddy Roosevelt Award” for the Nation's best “How To” fishing video.

Buck Woodburn, Program Chair
HOLY WATER CLINIC A HUGE SUCCESS

Eleven signed up but twenty three arrived at RiversEdge Park below Lost Creek Lake to hear Joe Holzen fill them in on the fly to use and how to use it, the best knot to use and how to tie it. They were all given maps to use guiding them to the best spots to fish. While fishing Joe traveled up and down the ranks of fishers and suggested improvements to their style and technique of fishing. Some of his suggestions included where to cast to get the best drift, how long to let your fly stand to achieve proper depth, line mending, casting and much more. Most received sample flies Joe tied prior to the clinic. Due to the number that attended he had to clean out his fly box! Proof is in the pudding, so the saying goes. Many that fished caught and released several nice fish. Not all were successful but all were able to increase their knowledge and skills. A big thanks to Joe Holzen for a job well done.

Joe Holzen demonstrating the proper method to drift a fly downstream.

Watching Joe cast and drift, illustrating a proven technique for catching trout in the 'Holy Water' at RiversEdge Park near Lost Creek Lake.

Participants of the workshop watch Joe tie a loop knot that has proven successful in the past.

Fly Tying Class Begins - January 6th
Location: Grants Pass High School
Times: 7 to 10 pm, once a week.
Participants to provide own tools: Vice, bobbin, hackle pliers, scissors, etc. All materials will be provided.
Limited to 24. Registration: $30
Contact: John Edwards at this meeting (or call ASAP)

SOFT
Southern Oregon Fly Tiers - Annual Pot Luck
December 13, 5 PM, Medford
Contact: Morris Fruitman 878-8038. All tiers are welcome.
HOLY WATER CHILI FEED

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and the Rogue Flyfishers join together to invite you to their annual fishing celebration and chili cookout at RiversEdge Park!

The first chili feed was held to celebrate the ‘fly fishing only’ and ‘catch and release’ regulations that went into effect in 1992. Anyone that wants to bring a pot of chili is encouraged to do so. Mike Ireland, President of the Rogue Flyfishers and Carey Williams will be bringing large pots of chili. In the past there have been several varieties to choose from and the eating has been very good and plentiful. Remember, this is the first day of the new year and a new fishing license is required. Be prepared for any kind of weather, it can be in the 70’s or as low as the 30’s. Bring your fishing gear or just come and sit down to a great chili feast with old friends or make new ones. Just enjoy the fellowship and tales, some may be very tall.

Recommended Flys are: Nymphs, Little Green Leeches, Blue Winged Olives (nymphs, wet and adult in sizes 16 and 18). RPB’s sizes 10 and 12. (Try Joe Holzen’s flys from the November meeting and Workshop. The leeches have been very successful. Edt.)

Carey Williams

SOUTHERN OREGON
FLY FISHERS
Newsletter - December 21, 1993

“SOFF hopes you will join in our historical first dinner meeting on January 20, 1994 at the Hamilton House at 6:00 PM. An excellent dinner, a stimulating speaker, wonderful raffle prizes, and the camaraderie of fellow flyfishers are part of the plan for you.

All those who join SOFF on or before the first meeting of 1994 will be honored as charter members. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to become part of flyfishing history. We welcome everyone: beginners, young at heart, families, oldtimers to join the 67 current members.

Have a nice holiday and make one of your New Year’s resolutions to join SOFF.”

Historian
Recipe for October Caddis
Tier: Thomas Duncan

Hook: TMC 2302 sizes 6-10
Body: Cinnamon SLF
Rib: Copper Wire
Hackle: Soft black hackle
Head: Peacock herl
Antennae: Mottled brown fibres

October Caddis
This is an easy fly to tie and should work as a good dropper at the Holy Water and the upper Rogue this year. It can be tied weighted or with a bead head. Tyer’s choice.

Directions
1. Dub some SLF or similar Synthetic Fibre material to the thread and secure wire at the rear of the hook.

2. Wind SLF dubbing forward 3/4 of the hook shank.

3. Wind copper wire palmered over the body.

4. Tie in hackle by the tip and wrap three to four times. Tie off hackle.

5. Tie in three strands of peacock herl and wind a head.

6. Tie in two mottled brown fibers as antennae. Turkey tail barbules work well.

Carey Williams

Contact: Dick Butler, Membership Chairman

Membership Form

- Regular..........................$25.00
- Family...........................$35.00
- Youth............................$5.00
- Contributing....................$50.00
- Lifetime (Individual).........$250.00
- Lifetime (Couple).............$350.00

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COMING EVENTS

12-4 Outgoing-Incoming Board Meeting
12-13 SOFT Annual Party
12-18 Club Special Holiday Meeting
1-1 Holy Water 'Annual Chili Feed' and 'December' Outing
1-15 Club General Meeting
1-17 January Outing
1-28 SOFT monthly meeting

FLY TYING HELP

John Edwards needs tyers that will assist with our fly tying class in January. He would like several helpers so that no one will have to do the whole ten weeks. If you can help with all or part of the classes, please call John at 479-8026.

COOKING CORNER

New Year's Day Hot Buttered Rum

1 qt. French vanilla ice cream, slightly thawed
1 lb. butter, softened
1 lb. brown sugar
1 lb. powdered sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. nutmeg
Rum Boiling water Nutmeg

Mix ice cream, butter, sugars, cinnamon and 2 tsp. nutmeg, in large bowl with electric mixer. Store in freezer.

To use, mix 2-3 Tablespoons of batter to 1 jigger of rum. Fill cup with 8 oz. boiling water. Stir, dust with nutmeg.

Yield: 1 1/2 qts. batter.

M & N Fruitman

WILD VS. HATCHERY FISH

Oregon hatcheries produce 50,000,000 fish each year. Good news for fishers. But do hatchery fish do more harm than good in the long range viability of wild fish and their habitats? Hatcheries have been cited by DEQ for violations of the Clean Water Act. Whole hatchery populations of fish are sometimes killed due to disease. Hatchery smolts compete with wild fish for food and habitat. They are less successful at reproduction and have lower rates of return. They are less likely to learn to avoid predators since their early life is in protected hatchery raceways. Up to 95% survive to smolt size, compared to a death rate of 50% to 90% for wild fish.

This last fact would seem to be an argument for hatcheries, but the high death rate in the early lives of wild fish in their natural habitat contributes to their long range survival through a process of natural selection: the survival of the fittest. The offspring are derived from thousands of parents in a habitat, as opposed to hundreds of brood fish in a hatchery. Thus wild fish contain more genetic variation than hatchery fish. Some of that fitness is seen in behavior that seems genetically based. Something in their genes causes them to return to their home waters. It spreads their return over many months. It causes some to spend up to four years in the ocean. These behaviors ensure the survival of at least some, given a catastrophic event such as disease, drought or dams. When wild fish breed with hatchery fish, the genetic variability in all offspring is reduced.

Some feel that hatchery programs obscure the problem of the loss of genetically superior wild fish, preventing us from making the necessary commitment to wild fish and their habitats. Recent ODFW hatchery program and policy changes address these problems, including a strictly research hatchery planned on the site of a failed hatchery. (More on that next month).

Recommended websites for all points of view:
www.dfw.state.or.us Click on: "Native Fish and Hatchery Policies"
www.coastrange.org/ Click on: "Salmon and Survival: Why Native and Hatchery Salmon are Different"
www.teleport.com/~salmo Native Fish Society's critical look at most recent ODFW policies
www.ortrout.org/ Oregon Trout, a major player in native fish and habitat restoration

REDGE HETH
Habitat Chair

November Meeting High Lights

Guest speaker, Skip Morris, ties flies prior to the meeting, dinner and presentation.

Raffle items to close the evening.

The Cookbook Committee hard at work prior to the meeting.
A BIG ‘THANKS’
The year is rapidly coming to a close and we want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and help this last year. A special thanks to those of you that contributed photos and articles to the newsletter. The Board in particular deserves special credit, they contributed their articles every month even though family or business issues were pressing and their time was limited. Hopefully they will forgive my harassing e-mails or calls. The end result: we were able to get the newsletter out on a timely basis.
To you, our club members, thank you for your warm response to the changes we initiated this last year. We hope the newsletter was interesting, informative and, at times, humorous. Your input is always appreciated.
As for Nancy and I, the newsletter was a challenge. We accepted the assignment without full awareness of what the job entailed. We had to adjust to a new computer, to several excellent but complicated programs, establish a time frame that was difficult at best and make sure that all of the elements we were working with came together in a meaningful way. Our first issue was not perfect but I think we managed to improve a little with each issue. We will strive to continue with that goal in mind as long as we remain the editors.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Good cheer to you and your families as this wonderful year comes to a close. Let us all look forward to another successful year and a great new season of fishing and good fellowship.

Morris & Nancy Fruitman
Newsletter Editors