It’s a new year and as such, SOFF’ers have a changing of the guard as to speak. John Storfold becomes the club’s new president with the rest of the Board, with the exception of Ron Cremo, remaining the same.

John Storfold, SOFF’s new president, proudly displays a fine winter run steelhead taken during an outing to the Applegate River. If John leads the club as good as he fishes, we should be in store for some good times to come.

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

I hope that everyone had a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Unfortunately, the holidays came in with a snow storm that forced us to cancel our December general meeting. We did our best to get the word out as soon as the decision was made. We felt it was in the best interest of our member's safety. The roads outside of town were really getting bad and we did not want anyone to have to drive home on ice and snowy roads. I couldn't even get out of my driveway with up to 8 inches of wet heavy snow on the ground. This was the first time that I can remember that we have had to cancel a meeting. However bad this storm was for our area, I am reminded why I live here versus other locations like where my daughter lives in upper New York. They returned from visiting her sister in Pennsylvania only to find they had to shovel their driveway for two hours just to get in to their house. Then there was the forecast for the next day. One to two feet more snow. Aren't we lucky we live here? Thursday night, shortly after we went to bed, we lost power. At 4 AM the power came back on for about 15 minutes. Just long enough to get to the bathroom and turn on the light. Then, back in the dark again. We had plans to leave for Washington on Friday morning to spend Christmas with some friends. When we left we never imagined the power would be out for more than a day let alone over three days. When we returned this Thursday, we were relieved to find that we did not lose any food in the freezer. I guess when your freezer is in a cold garage, it helps a little. I hope everyone was as fortunate, and either didn't lose power or at least the impact was minimal.

As we embark on 2013, I look back on 2012 to evaluate how we did. From all indication, SOFF had a pretty good year with a full and excellent outing and speaker schedule. We were able to continue to support our programs: scholarship, casting for recovery, healing waters, habitat, and educational classes. Through the generosity of our sponsors and those that opened their wallets at the auction we were able to raise about $14,000. Moving forward, we hope to continue with our successes and improve where we can. David Haight has put together an outstanding list of great outings for us. The first is the one to the coast on the 19th of January; our annual coastal steelhead outing. Gary Miller is working hard to bring you experts in the field to entertain and educate us on our favorite past time. I am sure that I speak for all of the club chairs and board members, when I say that we are trying our best at making this the best club that it can be.

To that end, we are always open to new ideas and new people willing to volunteer no matter how small your contributions are welcome.

As we start the New Year, I find myself proud to be your new President. I would like to take just a moment to tell those who may not know a little bit about myself. I was born the son of a Norwegian commercial fisherman. My grandparents emigrated from Norway to British Columbia and my father was born there in Prince Rupert and later moved to Seattle where he met my mother and along came me. My Dad and his father owned a herring cannery business in Washington Bay, Alaska and the business was based in Seattle, Washington. My father died when I was three and we bounced around living in Alaska, Washington, and finally I graduated from high school in Sunnyvale California. There I met my wife to be.

We planned our wedding then on the week of our wedding I was laid off. Counting pennies we still figured between unemployment and her babysitting job we figured we could make ends meet. Six months later after working for Sears in their warehouse, I got my old job back to only get my draft notice two weeks later. Deciding that the Army was not the place to get any training, I joined the Air Force with the intention of doing one four year hitch and getting out with newly gained skills. As many of you know life throws us curves and to make a long story short, I retired 30 years later and retired in Grants Pass. Along the way we raised three girls and have 5 grand kids. You may ask why Grants Pass? The answer lies in the close proximity to rivers, lakes, and the coast, with fishing of all types, including plenty of opportunities to get my steelhead fix and enjoy the incredible natural scenery.  

Once we decided to move here, I figured the best way to learn these waters and make fishing buddies was to join the local fly club. Actually, I have to thank one of our club founders, Bob Roberts for inviting me to join the club and eventually talked me into taking his position as the fly tying chair. Thank God the job requirements were not that you had to be a great fly tyer. At that time I was barely a good novice. Continued on Pg. 3
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WHEN: Jan. 17, 2013

TICKET: 6:00 PM
Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo.
7:00 PM
Meeting
7:30 PM
Dinner and Program

WHERE: Taprock Event Center
955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

Skip Morris - ‘Make Nymph Fishing Work’

President's Message Cont. From Pg. 2

ice tyer. With the help of many of you, I am now a better fly caster, tyer, and fisherman. So I am now thanking you for sharing with me. But most of all, I am grateful for the friends I’ve made and hope to continue to make more.

As I close for the month, I would like to leave with a thought. We all enter each year with our infamous New Year’s resolutions. One of my New Year’s resolutions is to lose the proverbial weight that I gained with all that good cooking from Thanksgiving and Christmas; but, what I would like to ask you to consider is a possible New Year’s resolution of your own. Think about looking for ways that you can do to volunteer to help the club. Maybe helping or hosting an outing, getting involved with any of the habitat events, or any other activity the club is involved with. Whether it’s just a few hours on a particular event or getting involved with one of the programs that you might find interesting and/or rewarding. No matter how small, you may be surprised how good it feels.

I wish you all a Happy New Year. Let’s bring it in with some tight lines.

Few experienced fly fishers would fail to recognize the name Skip Morris--after all, he’s published 13 books on fly fishing and fly tying over the past 23 years (among them: Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple, Western River Hatches, Trout Flies for Rivers, and Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes) along with over 200 magazine articles on these topics. He’s also played host on a national fly-fishing television show and several instructional DVDs. As a speaker, Skip’s performed slide shows and clinics at fly-fishing events, clubs, and fly shops from California to Arizona, Alabama to Michigan, British Columbia to Ontario, all through North America including three Canadian provinces, and overseas.

Skip’s wife, Carol, provides most of the photography that accompanies Skip’s work and all the illustrations. They live on Washington’s lush Olympic Peninsula with its tiny human population and myriad opportunities for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing, but travel to rivers and lakes across North America on their fishing adventures.
At the club’s auction in 2011, I purchased a trip on the Williamson River. The trip was donated by the Caddis Moonlight Lodge and consisted of two nights lodging and 2 days of guided fishing. This past August, Lucky and I used the trip.

The lodge is located just above Chiloquin on the east bank of the Williamson. The lodge, although cozy and well appointed, with excellent artwork and decor is not yet 100% complete and reservations are not being accepted at this time as the project is on hold until the future becomes clearer.

It’s too bad because we saw between 20 and 50 large fish finning in the clear water in front of the lodge, easily visible – though not so easily caught, throughout our stay.

SOFF is blessed with the availability of a number of excellent guides for the Williamson and Wood Rivers and a new one that works out of the Caddis Moonlight Lodge is Gary Cooper of the Tailwater Fisheries guide service which is up and running well. Gary is yet another guide who can be recommended without reservation. Knowing where to put one’s fly over trophy fish and which fly to use are expected of any guides on these rivers, but Gary adds a pleasant personality to the entire experience. He has a knack for increasing the fun factor. Lucky and I enjoyed our trip so much that we went back the next week for another day of fishing with Gary.

Gary is an Orvis sponsored guide, and we recommend his services to anyone wanting an outstanding (AKA awesome) day or two on these rivers.

Gary can be contacted at cooper-gary30@yahoo.com or phone #541 783-3498. His services can be scheduled through Tailwater Fisheries, LLC at www.tailwaterfisheries.com

Photo Potpourri

Here Lucky Leavitt and guide Gary Cooper display one of the many fine rainbow that she caught.

Here’s a photo of Lucky and Russ. Russ is holding Lucky’s largest fish of the trip - a 7 1/2 pound specimen. Although this was the largest of the trip, they both caught several fish in the 3 to 5 pound range.

Dave Grosjacques swings his fly through some good looking water during a previous outing to the Chetco River.

If you’re planning on going to the January Outing, this is a good time to bring your switch or spey rods and give them a workout on the Chetco. Being able to get out to some of those runs that are a little far for a conventional flyrod maybe just the ticket to latch onto a Chetco River steelhead.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Coastal Winter Steelhead Outing

While it is always a thrill to catch a steelhead, there is something special about landing a big, chrome-bright steelhead fresh from the ocean. The Southern Oregon Coast has a variety of streams that offer anglers the opportunity to do just that. The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will head to the coast on January 19 to try our hand at tempting these remarkable fish.

We will meet for breakfast at 8:00 am in the Apple Peddler Restaurant in the town of Harbor. It is located on the west side of Hwy 101 south of the Chetco River. Those not wanting to eat there should join us by 9:00 am, when we will head for the water.

The south coast streams range from small creeks where fly anglers can effectively work the pockets and small pools by dead-drifting weighted flies with a single-handed rod to large rivers well suited to swinging big flies through broad runs with a two-handed rod. We will decide which stream (or streams) to fish based on the conditions, and on the size and desires of our group. The Chetco and lower Rogue Rivers offer plenty of good bank access, and there are several good drifts for boaters. These are big rivers during the winter and are well suited for Spey rods. The smaller streams have more limited access, but provide opportunities for individuals or small groups looking for a more intimate setting. Because these coastal streams can produces some large steelhead, heavier rods are desirable--8 or 9 weights are ideal. Leech, shrimp, marabou, Spey, intruder, and traditional steelhead patterns in sizes 4 to 2/0 are all good choices for swinging, while egg, shrimp, and nymph patterns are suitable for dead-drifting. If conditions are right, a floating line can be used with weighted flies, but having sink-tip lines and/or shooting heads in various densities will help you cover the water more effectively. Be sure to bring your lunch, waders, and rain gear.

Due to the uncertainty of winter conditions it may be necessary to make changes or postpone this outing. Be sure to check the club’s web site for updates prior to leaving for the coast. If you have questions, contact me at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Middle Rogue Steelhead Outing

We had eight people in three drift boats for the float from Chinook Park to Schroeder Park.

The weather and river conditions were ideal and provided us the opportunity to catch several steelhead, along with a few trout.

All in all everyone had a very enjoyable day.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Fly Tied By: John Storfold

Kitimat Kombo Cont. From Pg. 6

the marabou strands) and wrap, spey fashion- toward the eye of the hook. Be careful to not overlap turns of the marabou and pull the individual strands back toward the hook point with the fingers of your free hand with each wrap of the feather.

6. Tie in a few strands of silver Flashabou. The ends should extend a little shorter than the marabou strands.

7. Tie in a clump of red marabou and wrap as per the pink. Brush the marabou tendrils back with each wrap.

8. Tie in a clump of purple marabou and wrap it tight to the back side of the bead head, ensuring the bead is locked rigidly I place. If you come up a little short, don't overdress with marabou _ just shove the bead tight to the marabou and tie the eye of the hook.


The finished fly looks quite a bit like something the cat coughed up, but once it is in the water, it swims well and works like magic. Make sure to hang on tight!!!!

Tracy tied it with a size 1/0 hook, but, I tied this one with a #2, 4x long streamer hook. If you remember he tied these flies for Canadian sized steelhead and I don't see any problem with downsizing this for the waters and fish you are targeting. Good luck and tight lines.

John Storfold.

Fly Tied By: John Storfold

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FLY TYING CORNER

Kitimat Kombo

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<td>Purple Over Red Over Pink Marabou. Tie in a Few Strands of the Silver Flashabou after the First Course of Marabou.</td>
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<td>Head:</td>
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Tying Instructions:
This fly was designed by a guide, Tracey John Hittel, Owner and Guide of “Steelhead Heaven” in Terrace British Columbia for use on the Kitimat River. The tying instructions and recipe are in his words from an article on his website in 2009. I spent five days fishing with him that year. Unfortunately the rain did us in and the fish were few and far between with high muddy waters.

1. After the hook bard has been removed or bent down, slide the bead head over the hook bend and place it next to the eye.
2. Dress the hook with thread and tie in a piece of pink rabbit strip at least 2 times the length of the hook shank. (Tying tip: cup the skin down against the top of the hook as the rabbit strip is tied into place. This makes for a much neater, tighter body section near the tail, helps the tail stay straight and prevents tangling with the hook point)
3. Wrap a tinsel body to cover the bottom two thirds of the hook shank…leave at least three eighths of an inch room behind the eye to tie in all the wings. I add a fine wire rib for durability, as steelhead tend to tear the fly up pretty good in a strike and I can usually get a fly to last for two or three fish before I have to retire it to the recycle bin.
4. Tie in the pink saddle hackle, aiming all the barbules toward the hook point.
5. Tie in the pink marabou (tying tip …tie in the extreme tip of the feather first. It makes it easier when wrapping

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Membership Form

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

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COMING EVENTS

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1-8 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
1-9 Beginning Fly Tying Class
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2-21 Club Meeting - Jay Nicholas.
3-8/9 FFF Fly Tying Expo at the Albany Fairgrounds.

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sand patterns contained in those magazines, but when push comes to shove, I probably tie a dozen or two for those few times I actually go out and fish. Still I have all those patterns some of which interest me enough to go out and buy all the materials necessary to tie one fly, then end up hoarding the rest of the material as the next fly that meets my fancy requires still more material, none of which I possess. Added to this is the fly tying equipment, so the ad says, that will make fly tying even easier.

These are but two of the yearly exercise into lifestyle changes that I make. I could regale you with several others that play a prominent role in the resolution department, but why should I bore you with all the different things, that unfortunately for me, played out the same way.

Ok, that’s it I’m not going to let pessimism rule, instead, I’m making New Year resolutions right now two of which are to fish more and to tie more flies. Let’s see what happens; unfortunately, my track record is abysmal with me trudging along in a rut of my own making. Can things change? I can only hope so, but I’ve been down that road before and it is circuitous at best.

Beginning Fly Tying Class

By Ed Morphis

Beginning fly tying class starts January 9, 2013, and continues every Wednesday evening, for 10 weeks, from 7 PM to 9 PM, through March 13. The course is open to the public through the Department of Parks and Recreation, but we would urge members who are interested to sign up early. Grants Pass High School provides a room for the class with large TV monitors so the student will see an enlarged picture of the fly while the teacher is tying the fly and the student will be able to compare it to the one they are actually tying.

If you have ever said to yourself, “I would like to learn how to tie,” now is the time to take action. We have a great staff of helpers who will help you learn, while you practice the fly tying processes: Kevin Daniels, Dave and Cathy Hamilton, Rich Redding, John Storfold, Dave Grosjacques, Craig Ingram, and Mark Teeters. We could use another helper or two, so if you are interested see Dale Heath or Ed Morphis. A special need is someone to operate the video camera. There are 24 spaces available, and, in the past, these have filled up quickly. So, if you want to learn to tie flies, don’t hesitate, see the Parks and Recreation at the Welcome Center on the corner of 6th and G St. and sign up. Then let your friends know about the class. We have rotating fly tying vises available, but you’ll need to bring your own tools. The cost is reasonable and the number to call for information is: 541-471-6435. The address of Parks and Recreation to sign up is: 198 SW 6th St., Grants Pass.
Editor’s Notebook

Wow! Where has all the time gone? It just seemed liked yesterday that I was sitting here doing the same thing – making New Year resolutions. New Year resolutions on their face always seem like a good thing to do. Who would take exception with providing one’s life with a new direction and purpose, but with that said, in there lies the rub because with little exception those new resolutions usually fall far short or miss their marks all together.

I know for myself that after careful thought, I usually draw up several well deserving intentions that I need to put into effect to charge my ordinary and lackluster life to one that could be considered just this side of ‘perfect’. Although all these resolutions look good on paper; unfortunately, when I review them at the year’s end, I can safely say these prescriptions were barely followed or ignored completely.

One of the things each year that goes down like clockwork is the need to do more fishing. I think of the number of times that I have fished in the past year and am shocked by the pitiful number of times I have been streamside or on still water. As much as I enjoy the sport of flyfishing, actually getting out and fishing is another matter. Too busy, have other plans, no one to fish with and of late too many aches and pains to go out to fish. What a sad commentary for not doing what I enjoy. You know that I could resolve to go out more, but I do that every year and still when the dust settles, I’ve probably done less that I did the year before.

Three years ago at the Federation Fly Tying Exhibition in Albany, I had occasion to purchase a brand new pontoon boat. Since the boat was 10 foot in length, I needed a trailer to haul it around. Also the size of the boat make ‘kicking’ tedious at best, so the solution was to purchase an electric motor to push the beast around. Needless to say that when all was said and done, I had a tidy little sum invested. You would think that with such a set-up this would give me the emphasis to take the rig out and enjoy a little still water fishing? Truth is, it has been a year and a half since I’ve had the boat out, it sits covered in my yard with the occasional examination by me to see that if it’s ok.

Added to that are new rods and reels that sit on their shelves gathering dust from lack of use. So sad!

Then there’s fly tying. Over the years I have collected or should I say hoarded hundreds of fly fishing magazines for the fly patterns that they contained. Each year I resolve to tie more flies using the couple of thou-
SOFF’ers are braving snow, rain and wind for a chance to hook a winter run steelhead. So it was for Kevin O’Malley when he hooked and landed his fish of a lifetime.

Kevin O’Malley proudly displays a great steelhead that he took on the Coquille River. The beast was 37 inches long and weighed 16 lbs and was taken on a glowbug. Even though the weather consisted of rain, sleet, hail, mud and wind it was all forgotten for this lifetime catch.
President's Message
by
John Storford

As 2013 rolled in, so did the cold weather with some snow and rain. As I wait for the river flows to come down and fish to move into the Applegate, what shall I do? Like many others, my thoughts have turned from fishing (not to say I am not wishing I was fishing) to fly tying.

This is a good time of year to fill those fly boxes with those colorful and varied morsels for the fish of our wild dreams. I have been helping with the beginning fly tying class and having a ball. We have 22, that’s right, 22 students. I am not sure if that is our highest but it is about as many as we can handle with the number of helpers and the room size. Even thought I consider myself a fair tyer I still have learned a lot just going through and helping the students with their tying. Dale Heath will demonstrate tying the fly for that evening and the helpers will be giving individual hands on assistances to the students as Dale does a tie-along, repeating the fly he just tied. As we go along, I am also fine tuning my skills as well. I don’t know who is getting more out of the class, the students or me? I wish I had this level of help when I first started tying. I have flash backs to when I was struggling with the same techniques the students are mastering.

It has truly been the season for tying, starting with having Skip Morris here last month as our guest speaker. This kindled my tying juices, as his was the first fly tying book I read and the first fly tying video I watched. I credit his approach as giving me the confidence to go forward as he made tying sound fun and easier than it looked.

This is also the time of the year for the annual NW Fly Tying and Fishing Expo, March 8th and 9th at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany Oregon. If you have not attended, you are missing out on one of the best shows for fly fishing enthusiasts in the Northwest. We always have a great time and there are outstanding classes on fishing, casting, and tying, let alone over 180 of the best tyers in the country exhibiting their artistry. Amongst these, we are proud to see our club and other local tyers are well represented. Here is a list of those who you may know: from SOFF are Bruce Bochman, Loren Black, Dave and Kathy Hamilton, Marlon Rampy, John Shewey, Ed Morphis, Kevin Daniels, Dale Heath, and Morris Fruitman, and from Southern Oregon Fly Tyers (SOFT); Dave Roberts, Dan Kellogg, and Dick Bonamarte. Hope I did not forget anyone. If you have an hour or so to spare, SOFF is manning the welcome booth, handing out shirts and welcome packages to the tyers as they arrive. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet the tyers. Hope to see you there.

Besides being a time for filling your fly boxes winter is a good time to inspect and tune up the rest of you fly fishing equipment. I offer you the following check list as just a starter. This list is by no means all inclusive. Each of us has many different items that we use in our fly fishing endeavors.

1) Clean and inspect your fly line.
2) Check and or replace your leaders.
3) Clean, inspect and lubricate your reel(s).
4) Clean and inspect your fly rod(s) for nicks or cracks and the guides for the same.
5) Inspect your waders for cracks or leaks.
6) Wader boots, check your studs for security and wear and the laces for fraying.
7) Besides filling your fly boxes, if you are like me, it is also time to inspect and reorganize your fly boxes. You may have flies with bent, dull or rusty hooks. Now if you are not like me, all your fly boxes are already organized.
8) I am planning to do an inventory of my items in my fly vest to ensure what should be there is. You hate to get to the lake or river and realize that you left your nippers or your hemostats at the house.
9) If you have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) you may want to check the CO2 cartridge and the activation mechanism.
10) Along with the PFD there are some other safety items that you might consider if you don’t already have them: wading staff, wading belt for your waders, and polarized sunglasses (you may ask why I consider them a safety item. Without them I have stumbled over rocks that I could not see or stepping off a ledge into a deep hole, which we have plenty of around here on the local rivers.
11) And one thing we can’t leave home without, a fishing license.

You may ask why I would put together such a basic checklist. Well sometimes we procrastinate and then a buddy calls us and says, let’s go fishing tomorrow. I will pick you up in the

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**WHEN:**

**TIMES:**

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- **Feb. 21, 2013**
- **6:00 PM**
  - Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo.
- **7:00 PM**
  - Meeting
- **7:30 PM**
  - Dinner and Program
- Taprock Event Center
  - 955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

**President’s Message Cont. From Pg. 2**

Morning. Then you say oh my gosh I haven’t gotten my 2013 license, or I haven’t put on a new leader, etc. These are just reminders to get ready now because the new fishing season is around the corner and I am trying to be ready this year. This is one of my New Year’s Resolutions.

Now that we are ready to go fishing, here comes the anticipation of the big tug and the rush that comes with it. I am looking forward to the Cow Creek outing which hold the opportunity to tie into one of those big Umpqua steelhead that go up Cow Creek. Now we all need to hope for some lower water in the next few weeks. I will be ready (at least that is the plan) will you?

To borrow a phrase from Teresa, “the tug is the drug”, and I am ready for the drug.

**Bob Quigley Fly Plate For Sale**

*By Gary Miller*

The Fly Fishing Class at Cascade Christian High has received some support from estates during the nine years running of our program. A lawyer friend recently sent us a box labelled ‘fly tying stuff.’ Buried treasure was found at the bottom under the gaudy turquoise schlappen. Praise be! These beautifully-framed Giant Western Stoneflies tied by the late, great Bob Quigley have come to the benefit of our Fly Fishing Class.

David Hughes - Tactics For Trout

Dave is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist. His hobbies include collecting, identifying, and photographing the aquatic insects that are fed upon by trout, as well as tying and fishing the flies that match those insects and fool those trout. His articles on fly fishing have appeared in Field & Stream, Gray’s Sporting Journal, Outdoor Life, Sports Afield, Fly Fisherman magazine, American Angler, and Fly Tyer. Dave served as editor of Flyfishing & Tying Journal for eight years, and is currently Elements of Success columnist for Fly Rod & Reel, essayist for Northwest, Southwest, and Eastern Flyfishing, and Minor Notes columnist for Flyfishing & Tying Journal.

Dave Hughes is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing. They include the classic *Western Hatches* (with Rick Hafele), *American Fly Tying Manual*, *Handbook of Hatches*, *Reading Trout Water*, *Essential Trout Flies*, *Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters*, and *the massive reference Trout Flies*. His latest book, published in 2012, is *Pocketguide to Western Hatches*.

Dave was founding president of Oregon Trout in 1983, and was awarded life membership in the Federation of Flyfishers in 1985. He was awarded the Pete Hidy honorary life membership in the Flyfishers Club of Oregon in 1992 for his literary accomplishments. Dave received the prestigious Letcher Lambuth Angler Craftsman Award in 2008 from the Washington Fly Fishing Club. He is also a life member of his home club, the Rainland Flycasters in Astoria, Oregon.

Dave lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Japanese fly fishing writer Masako Tani, and their daughter Kosumo.

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CASTING ABOUT

Fish Toss On Taylor Creek

By Duane Chebul

After being snowed out on the last attempt to do a fish toss on Taylor Creek, the weather cooperated and the club finally was able to get the job done.

Some 15 of us, 5 or 6 of which were non club members who had heard about the fish toss and wanted to help, met at the Galice Community Center and after introductions and paperwork were taken care of, Dave Grosjacques gave the group a demonstration on how to toss the fish. To get the rundown on the correct way and toss over 400 silver salmon into Taylor Creek, Dave showed his three favored tosses. First there was the shot put toss, pretty self-explanatory, next there was the round house toss, definitely raising the skill level up a notch followed by the discus twirl. Dave said the last toss was only to be attempted by the very most skilled professional fish tossers who have mastered the art of fish tossing. With the end of the tossing lesson, the group divided into several cars for the trip to the Creek.

If you have never been to Taylor Creek it’s a great drive as the road parallels the Creek for many miles, but we were only going about 5 miles up the road. Shortly after leaving the Galice road, the road becomes a single lane, with turnouts every so often should you meet a car going in the opposite direction. We had only gone about a mile or so, when we begin to encounter snow on the ground. The road and the sides of the road were covered with 3 to 4 inches of snow; fortunately for us, there had been traffic before us that had driven over the road, so that there was a path to follow. Approximately 5 miles up the road, to a place where we all could turn around, the group was divided with half going about a mile downstream to start tossing the fish.

Then the fun began. The fish, which Dave picked up at the hatchery, were in plastic bags and still mostly frozen. When taken out of the bag, they were a bloody mess. Touching one of those fish meant instance blood and slime over your hands. Fortunately, before we had started Dave passed out rubber gloves to all those in attendance, still those fish were just hard to hold onto. Grab a 5 to 10 pound slimy fish and try to hold onto it long enough to pitch it into the creek was a challenge in its self, regardless of the tossing technique you might try. With the exception of one spot which was close to the roadway, the fish had to be tossed a fairly considerable distance to reach the water’s edge. Dave explained that the fish that didn’t make it into the creek, became fodder for bears and raccoons and for emphasis of that point, there were visibly bear footprints in the snow. Considering we were standing on snow that in some instances was 3 or 4 inches thick and had obviously thawed out and had refrozen as ice, it was surprising that no one slipped as they gave that extra effort to get the fish into the water.

We finally met up with the other

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OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

5th Annual Cow Creek Steelhead Outing
By Dave GroJacques

This year’s February outing will be to Cow Creek for winter steelhead. The outing will be on Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th. We will meet at 9AM both days in the rear parking lot at Glendale High School and carpool from there. Dave Grojacques will lead the outing, and will give participants a short history of the Cow Creek Canyon, an overview of salmon and steelhead populations in the South Umpqua system, and a map of access spots along Cow Creek. We will be swinging flies and casting to pocket water for large winter steelhead, so bring your single-handed 7 or 8-weight rods or spey rod. We will be wading, so good waders, studded wading boots, a life jacket and a walking stick will make things easier and safer. To get to Glendale High School, take I-5 north about 20 miles to Exit 80, the Glendale exit. Turn left at the stop sign when you get off the freeway and follow the signs into town and to the high school. Drive past the school and go around it into the rear parking lot. Please send Dave an email with your phone number if you plan to go on this outing. He will call you to cancel if we get a big rainstorm and the creek is too high and muddy to fish.

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Ron Cremo coming back for another fish. The two people in yellow rain jackets weren’t club members, but heard about the toss and thought they would come out to help.

Jay Prouty and Ron Cre-}

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FLY TYING CORNER

Golden Demon

Hook: 8 to 2, 3X Long (I Use Salmon Hooks).
Thread: Black 6/0.
Tag: Flat Golden Tinsel.
Tail: Golden Pheasant Crest.
Ribbing: Oval Gold Tinsel.
Body: Flat Gold Tinsel.
Throat: Hot Orange Bucktail.
Underwing: Hot Orange Bucktail.
Overwing: Brown Elk Hair.
Cheeks: Jungle Cock.

Tying Instructions:

Lay down a solid layer of thread 2/3 of the way up the hook.
Tie in tail, ribbing and flat tinsel.
Wrap flat tinsel covering thread, tie off. Palmer oval tinsel up body tie off.
Coat body with head cement,
Tie in the throat. It should go to the hook point
Tie in underwing, the wing should go just past the bend of the hook
Tie in overwings on top.
Tie in cheeks on each side of head and whip finish.

This fly is brought to us by Tom Beverage

John Storfold  Fly Tying Chair  Ph. 660-6584  E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

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Rich had all the names of those that had paid in a can, gave it big shake then drew out the winner, who was none other than Dave Grosjacques. There were mutterings of a fix, especially when Dave mentioned “gosh” this makes about five or six rods that I won from the club”. I keep telling myself good things come to those who wait, but how long do I have to wait before those good things (rods) come to me?

During the meeting, I had occasion to talk to Dale Heath. Dale is the club’s new fly tying instructor who recently took over from Ed Morphis. Dale said that he was pleased to announce that the fly tying class that started on January 9 had 22 students attending. As the class was going to be limited to 24 students, this was in essence a ‘full house’.

With this many students, Dale was thankful for all his assistant instructors who come out each week to help the students. If you missed the class this year, you’ve missed an opportunity to learn from some of the best fly tyers the club has to offer.

### 2013 Dues Are Due

For those of you who have yet to pay your membership dues, they are past due.

January 1 is the due date specified in the club’s By-Laws. I know most of you are well-intentioned, but intentions don’t get your check written or mailed. Please renew your dues right away and spare me the necessity of contacting each of you individually. Thank you.

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**Rich Hosley, Membership Chairman**

**Quigley Plate Cont. From Pg. 3**

We plan to offer these collector flies to the highest bidder by June 1st in support of our year-end outing. If you are interested, please give Gary Miller a call (541-840-3426) or send an email to ggflyfisher@gmail.com. Make a generous offer and take a tax deduction as well.
Editor’s Notebook

Two months ago, we had “a first-time event”, and that was the cancellation of the dinner meeting. Looking back over the history of the club I was unable to locate any such occurrence before. So it was with some trepidation that when it was time for the January meeting I wondered how many people would show up. As usual, I sent out a notice of the meeting about a week before. The responses back at first were minimal. Start to worry! Were the members not going to come because of the cancellation of the December meeting? ‘Ye of so little faith’, not only did they come out but came out in numbers for regular meeting that I haven’t seen in a long time. Normally, we have between 40 and 45 members for dinner, but for the January meeting we had 75+. Was it because of the speaker or the belated awards or was it the prospect of a new rod for all those members that paid their dues before January 1? Whatever was the reason, it was great to see that number of people attending a regular dinner meeting.

Speaking of awards, since we didn’t have December meeting, the awards were carried over to our January meeting. Outgoing president, Jim Simpson, who would’ve presented the award at the December meeting, started the January meeting. First was the presentation of the Member of the Year Award. This award went to Sonja Nisson, who unfortunately because of a family emergency was unable to attend to receive the award. Next was the Volunteer of the Year Award that went to Jeannie Steed. And finally, the President’s Award that went to Mark Teeters.

After the awards were presented, Jim turned the meeting over to our new president John Storford. John’s first order of business was to bring up Rich Hosley and have him award a new Gary Anderson

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There is something magnificent about a winter run steelhead. Many SOFF’ers spend an enormous amount of time on river and streams in the hopes of hooking just one.

Dave Haight took this fine 12 pound winter run steelhead last year on the North Umpqua.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

This month’s article may seem a little disjointed because I have more than one thing to touch on, but I don’t feel I need to dwell on each of them for the entire article.

So let’s get started. With this month’s program, we had the pleasure of having Dave Hughes, a great author, tyer, and fisherman as this month’s speaker. Some of us were lucky enough to have the time to attend his fly tying seminar on wet flies and had a great time actually learning something. His evening presentation must have been pretty good based on the questions and the books he was signing after the evening was done. So my hat’s off to Gary Miller for continually providing the club with the best speakers and programs each and every month.

For those of you who were not at this month’s general meeting, we confirmed our newest member of the board of directors, Joe Knapik. He and his wife, Jan, are both accomplished fly fishers. They moved to the area and joined SOFF approximately two years ago. So join me in welcoming Joe to the board of directors.

In last month’s article I talked about being prepared for the fishing season. Checking your equipment, safety equipment, etc., but I did leave out one important thing, don’t forget the CAMERA! You never know when you are going to catch that fish of a life time or your first steelhead or the first one on a fly, or your kids or grandkids first fish.

Those are memories you won’t want to forget and firsts only happen once.

Then again, it might be that your fishing buddy forgot his camera or the fact that it is difficult at best to capture a photo of your own catch. It sure is nice when someone with you is able to take that picture and you’re able to share it so we can rejoice with you on the moment.

Now fish are not the only thing worthy of photographing. We are in one of God’s wonders when we are out there flinging a fly around, or just taking in the grandeur of it all. How many times have we heard someone say “you won’t believe what I saw yesterday, last week or last year and I only wished that I had my camera so I could show you”? I know that if I had my camera when I was fishing, I could have easily won the $10,000 on “Funniest Home Videos”.

So if not for yourself, remember the rest of us who would love to see your wonderful photos of fish catching, gathering of friends, or of mother nature in all her glory and that can only be done if you don’t leave home without your camera.

Last month we had the most successful Cow Creek outing ever. On Friday we hooked four fish and landed three really nice steelhead which measured twenty-seven, twenty-nine, and thirty inches. WOW. And now we are moving into the Applegate River’s prime time. I hope you all have the chance to hit the river before it closes at the end of March. I caught two there last year the second week of March. Flows and weather permitting this is the best time of the year for steelhead. At least that is one person’s two cents worth. Put on your waders, tie on a fly, and go get ‘em!!

On to another subject. Duane is always asking for pictures and STORIES. Every fisherman has their favorite story that they enjoy sharing. So allow me to share one of mine with you. It was a cold winter day in northern California and at the time, I was living in Atwater, CA in the central valley. I had made arrangements to meet my brother-in-law for a little steelhead fishing on the Feather River between Gridley and Oroville. I had gotten up at the crack of, oh wait a second; it was not even dawn yet, climbed into my truck and headed off for the two hour drive to get on the water at the crack of dawn. We finally got to our destination just as the sun was coming up. The frost still hung heavily on the ground and even though the morning sky was beautiful and had brightened our souls, we waited for the sun to warm our bodies. As with many rivers in California, especially on a weekend, there were the unfortunate crowds on the river, but that comes with the territory that time of year. We could see fish in the river and were anxious to get our lines wet and hook into one.

As the morning came and went we were fishless. We moved around and finally gravitated to one of our favorite spots where we were the only fishermen on the river. The river was flowing swiftly and made an abrupt bend, with a riffle and then a tail out. By this time it was early evening and sun was starting to set on the horizon; although the fish were still around they were not cooperating.

I finally worked my way through some brush and to the river and entered the water. I had to be careful with my footing as the rocks were just smaller than a melon, covered with algae, and were very slippery. The stream, about 3 feet deep, was moving along at a

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moderate clip. Anyway, once in position, I had very little room to cast, so I was just flipping the line upstream and swinging a glo bug through a slot as the river swung to the right just in front of me. After about half a dozen casts, I got a hit, I set the hook and we are off to the races, the first hook up of the day. Remember those slippery rocks, just setting the hook was all it took to lose my footing and wind up on my backside bouncing downstream. My brother-in-law looked up stream and sees this nice fish coming out of the water, and then notices that there is a line connected to this fish. The next thing he sees is two feet and a rod out sticking out of the water coming at him. As a good brother-in-law, did he lend me a hand as I came bouncing past him with my free hand out? Oh heck no, he was worried about joining me going down the river as his footing wasn’t any better. About 100 feet downstream, I slowed to a point where I was able to gather my footing. With the rod up in the air, I found that I still had this nice steelhead on the hook. After couple of minutes of heart pounding suspense that seemed like forever, I landed the only fish of the day. Although, this was not the same class of fish that I’ve caught on Cow Creek or the Applegate, considering what I endured to bring him to hand; he is definitely one to remember. Now as the adrenaline began to wear off, reality sets in. My waders

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Club member and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Biologist **David Haight** will present an overview of the fishing opportunities that abound in the Rogue Watershed.

David grew up in the Rogue Valley and started working for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with the Rogue Basin Project Evaluation in 1978. He has spent most of his career working with the fisheries resources in the Rogue Basin, and enjoys fishing these waters in his off time.

David will cover the broad range of fisheries available to fly anglers in our local area—from bass and bluegill in small valley-floor ponds to salmon and steelhead in our larger rivers to trout in small mountain lakes and streams.

David will also address some of the management issues the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is working on and some new opportunities they are developing.

**Bob Quigley Fly Plate For Sale**

By Gary Miller

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**CASTING ABOUT**

**Outfall Study**  
by John MacDirmiad

Most of the sewage in our valley is collected, and treated at a regional plant before it is discharged to the Rogue River about a mile down from the Tou Velle Bridge. The flow to the plant in the summer is 17 million gallons a day.

Those of us that fish that stretch of the river have noticed the foamy discharge sometimes stretching to High Banks 0.4 miles below the outfall.

High Banks has an exposed gravel island in low water in October and Salmon spawn on both sides of the Island. It is a wonderful place to stop and swing the fly in the green water below the salmon. Only the memory of yesterday’s hook up in a downstream riffle will keep you in the boat.

Immediately upon stepping out of the boat at High Banks you notice a carpet of algae on the undisturbed gravel, and upstream of the riffle the river bottom is covered in long flowing aquatic plants all fed by the nutrient rich outflow from the treatment plant.

For several years it was understood that the outfall was going to come out of the river for some type of land disposal or reuse. The effluent was just too warm to meet the temperature standards in the River set by DEQ. Then DEQ shuffled the standard and decided the discharge could meet the temperature requirements in all but a few days of the year.

The Regional Facility was given permission to offset or trade this degradation by planting 30 miles of trees on the south bank of the river, up to 60 miles downstream of the discharge.

The obvious problem with this “solution” is it does nothing for the millions of Salmon eggs in the gravel downstream of the outfall. Warm water has them hatch out earlier than normal with a reduced survival rate but, that is a different issue for a different day.

The important thing for this study is, the discharge is now going to stay in the river and the tremendous algae growth and impacts to the aquatic insect population will continue. There will be no removal of the discharge from the river.

We responded by raising $5400 to have Rick Hafele conduct a scientific study to measure some of the outfall impacts. You can read more background, the study itself, and the latest action at our RFF web site.

In summary, the impacts are very significant and it confirms the discharge is in violation of the Oregon Bio-criteria Standard and the NPDES permit. To solve the nutrient problem, it appears the outfall will have to come out of the river or the treatment plant will have to go to a higher level of treatment. Both are costly and will take time. Thanks to the action of your club, the process has started.

This study with its extensive lab work by two labs would not have been possible without the generous support from the International Federation of Fly Fishers and the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Together they contributed $3,000.

We also received financial support from the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and the Klamath Country Casters. We could not have done this alone. If you are a member of the IFFF, thank you; if you are not a member, you may wish to consider joining.

You may be able to take the teacher out of the class room, but you can’t take the classroom out of the teacher. It is ever so evident when Dave G addressed the participants on Friday’s edition of the Cow Creek Outing.

We were blessed with great weather for this time of year. The flow was a little high but the color of the water was what I like to call steelhead green with about 3-4 feet of visibility.

And yes Virginia, there were fish caught. Out of four hook-ups there were three fish landed.

Kevin O’Malley landed a 30” fish, Joe Knapik caught one that went 29 1/2 inches and I had one that went 27”. If there were any other caught, I’m unaware of them.

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OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Outings: Steelhead on the Applegate and North Umpqua Rivers

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have two outings coming up that will highlight the variety of steelhead fishing opportunities we have available to us here in Southwest Oregon. The first will be on March 23rd when Jeff Fox will host an outing on the Applegate River, and the second on April 6th when David Haight will lead a trip to the North Umpqua River.

The Applegate River is a fairly small river. Its lower reaches flow through a broad valley where it has a gentle gradient and a gravel substrate. It is easy to wade and not difficult to float. Its steelhead typically range from five to seven pounds, and during the month of March will readily take a fly. Because the steelhead there do actively feed, dead-drifting flies that mimic natural food items can be very effective. The Applegate River is one of the best places in Oregon to catch a winter steelhead on a fly.

The North Umpqua River is a larger stream with deeper water and heavier current. In the fly-only section, it flows through a forested canyon with a streambed dominated by bedrock and boulders. It can be challenging to wade and few anglers choose to float its Class 3 and 4 rapids. Most steelhead there will weigh in at seven to ten pounds, but bigger fish are available. There is a strong tradition on the North Umpqua for swinging flies. The catch rates for steelhead here are much lower then on the Applegate; however, the North Umpqua offers beautiful water to fish amid some great scenery. Many anglers refer to it as a “graduate program” in fly fishing.

For the Applegate River outing on March 23rd, we will meet for breakfast at Shari’s Restaurant, on the corner of Agness Avenue and the Grants Pass Parkway. Plan to be there at 8:00 AM if you want to have breakfast, or by 9:00 AM if you don’t want to eat. We will caravan to the river from there.

Bring your fishing gear, waders, rain jacket, lunch, and water. Seven and eight-weight rods work well for the Applegate River, as do switch and smaller Spey rods. Pack your floating and sink-tip lines, and bring a variety of nymphs and standard steelhead patterns. An effective setup is to use a large, heavy nymph, such as a salmonfly nymph, with a size 8 or 10 A. P. nymph, hare’s ear, prince nymph, or similar fly on a dropper.

Jeff Fox is a top, local, fly-fishing guide with extensive experience on the Applegate River. Jeff will teach you how and where to effectively fish the Applegate River. In addition, Jeff devotes a significant amount of time to teaching skills that will make you a more successful fly fisher no matter where you fish. He will demonstrate the techniques—including those small details—that can make the difference between catching fish and just enjoying a day on the river. Even if you are primarily a trout angler, Jeff’s instruction on nymphing techniques will make attending well worth your while.

For the North Umpqua outing on April 6th, we will meet at Swiftwater Park (just a little below Rock Creek and the lower boundary of the fly water) at 9:00 AM. After a brief discussion about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes in the lower half of the fly water. We will then spread out along the river to fish. During the day, David will be happy to help anyone looking for additional instruction about fishing the North Umpqua River or about steelhead fishing in general.

Spey rods can be an asset on the North Umpqua, but single-handed rods of about 8-weight will also work. Sink-tip lines or shooting heads will help you get your flies down to the fish. A wide variety of flies will work—from the traditional steelhead patterns to large intruder-style flies. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, a wading belt, and a wading staff. An inflatable life vest would add an extra level of safety. Be sure to pack your rain jacket, polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

Most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season. The Dogwood Motel (dogwoodmotel.com, 541-496-3403), located near the lower end of the fly water, is a decent place to stay at a reasonable price. For those on a more generous budget, the Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

David Haight, Outings Chair

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FLY TYING CORNER

Bead Head Lifter

Hook: Scud Hook Size 10 (size is up to the Application) this one is tied on a Dai-Riki #135 or TMC 2457.
Thread: Pink 6/0 or 3/0.
Body: Silver Spirit “Brite Blend Chartreuse” dubbing.
Thorax: Estaz Florescent Pink.
Collar: Light Pink Egg Yarn.
Bead: Gold (Size to Match Hook).

Tying Instructions:

First pinch the barb and put the bead on the hook and mount in the vice. Then lay a thread base from the bead to the back of the hook just above the barb of the hook.

Now dub the back half to two thirds of the hook and tie and secure. Tie in the estaz and make about two to three wraps combing back the fibers as you wrap and tie off. Now take some egg yarn and cut off a small thin piece about twice the length of the hook. You can thin this veil of material and push it over the hook from the eye end and fold over the rest of the fly. Tie in and make a whip finish behind the bead. You can use head cement, tiers choice. I take a small wire brush and comb the egg yarn back to thin it out. If the egg yarn has strays feel free to trim them off. When this fly gets in the water the egg yarn wraps itself around the fly so you want it thin enough for the other material colors to show through.

I used this fly to catch a nice steelhead on last October’s outing on the Rogue. I have it from a good source that this fly is great on the Applegate and other locations for steelhead. I am even thinking about trying this for trout. We will see how that works out.

I call this fly a “Bead Head Lifter”. I also call it a fish catcher. Good luck

Fly Tied By: John Storfold

John Storfold Fly Tying Chair Ph. 660-6584 E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

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COMING EVENTS

3-6  Board Meeting
3-8/9  FFF Fly Tying Expo at the Albany Fairgrounds.
3-12  SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
3-21  Club Meeting - David Haight.
3-23  Club Outing - Applegate Steelhead.
4-3  Board Meeting
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4-9  SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
4-18  Club Meeting - Fly Tyers.

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the proposed cutting of trees, mining, construction of roads railroad utilities buildings and other structures will need approval from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department before these activities can begin.

A representative of the state Parks and Recreation Department said that typically landowners along scenic waterways work with the state. When we are notified, we’d probably do a site visit, and we’d work with the landowner. (Regulations) might be the color of the house, vegetation screening or not removing trees.

I would have to assume that should state government decide at a later date that there needs to be more restrictions on designated scenic waterways, too bad for the land owners they’ll have to conform or else.

I’m sorry, if you are lucky enough to own land along the Rogue, the Applegate or any other tributaries thereof, I’m sure you don’t need representatives of the state telling you how to manage or what you can do on your land, including what color to paint your house.

If the state wanted to pass a law that dealt strictly with suction dredge mining I think I could support that, but when you add control of the land that has nothing to do with dredging, I believe the state is overstepping its authority. I believe SB 401 does more harm than the good it wishes to accomplish.

In my opinion, we all should write our legislators asking them to vote against SB 401 and if they wish to address the issue of suction dredge mining, then propose new legislation listing that as a separate issue.

Remember the old adage; be careful of what you wish for, for when you get it, it will also include all its unintended consequences.

President’s Message Cont. From Pg. 3

are full of water, the sun is setting and I am freezing my A** off. The dunking also had another negative effect, as my camera went in to the river with me. Unfortunately, this was before waterproof cameras, so when I released the fish, instead of a photo of a life time, I was left with memory of a life time.

Have a great month and I hope to see you on the river or lake where you too can create memories to share with not only your friends, but also with the newsletter editor.

Cow Creek Outing Cont. From Pg. 4

John Storfold’s Cow Creek steelhead in the net.

I know Dave is reading this so my hat is off to you for making the COW Creek outing one of our best yearly outings and I hope that he’ll lead us on many more.

2013 Dues Are Due

For those of you who have still not paid your 2013 membership dues, they are now 60 days past due. This is the stage of the renewal process where I need to track you down with emails, phone calls, home and office visits, etc. I tend to run out of time and energy and have been known to get cranky. Won’t you please help me out by mailing your check to the club post office box today?

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The 2013 edition of the club membership directory will be going to print on Monday, March 22. If you are planning on being included with your current contact information I need to hear from before the 22nd.

Thank you.
Rich Hosley, Membership Chair

Quigley Plate Cont. From Pg. 3

The Bob Quigley Fly Plate is being offered to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Cascade Christian’s fly fishing class.

We plan to offer these collector flies to the highest bidder by June 1st in support of our year-end outing. If you are interested, please give Gary Miller a call (541-840-3426) or send an email to ggflyfisher@gmail.com. Make a generous offer and take a tax deduction as well.
At the last Board of Director’s meeting we had a representative of Rogue Fly Fishers, John Ward, make a presentation asking our support both financially and as a club to lobby for and urge on the passage of Oregon Senate Bill 401. According to Ward, the law was drafted and submitted by Ashland Senator Alan Bates for the purpose of stopping all in stream suction dredging on the Rogue River as well as other streams in the state. Ward went on to explain that the dredging directly kills insects, mollusks, fish eggs, fish larvae, amphibian tadpoles. He also noted that when salmon spawn in areas with dredged tailing piles, the salmon eggs are more likely to be scoured out by winter floods. Ward spoke of other problems with suction dredging and ended with the noise, fumes and turbidity caused by suction dredging makes streams being dredged less desirable for swimming, boating and fishing.

Initially, when I heard the presentation, I rallied to the cause. Who would be against an evil that threatened the existence of salmonoids living not only in the Rogue River, but in rivers and streams state wide? Then I had occasion to read an article in the February 9th issue of the Daily Courier.

In the article by Jeff Duewel, he noted that State Senator Herman Baertschiger (Grants Pass) was critical of the pending legislation. In essence SB 401 would add nearly 30 streams and rivers or segments of them to the existing Oregon Scenic Waterways Program. Among the parts proposed is the Rogue River through Grants Pass as well as the neighboring Applegate River. As a particular note, suction dredging is not allowed on Oregon Scenic Waterways.

There we have it, the solution to the dredging problem. Even though SB 401 doesn’t mention suction dredging per se, it does an end around by including more waters under the Oregon Scenic Waterways regulations which does prohibit dredging, along with a host of other things.

The state program was originally enacted by the legislature in 1970 and is separate from the federal Wild and Scenic River Act. Although separate, the Oregon law is still akin to the federal regulations.

If you know anything about the federal regulations regarding Wild and Scenic Rivers you know it is rather draconian in its approach to land usage along the rivers. The Oregon law is not a lot different. It requires that there will be a quarter of a mile of scenic easement on either side of the rivers designated scenic waterways. Such activities including

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SOFF’ers will have the opportunity to watch and learn from some of the best when many of the club’s premier fly tyers take center stage and exhibit their skills at the vise.

Some of the exhibition tyers from previous fly tyers night, who will be tying again at this year’s annual event.

Dinner Reservations: E-mail - info@soff.org or call the Club at (541) 955-4718
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

W ell time is just flying by and we are already into April. For those of you who may have missed the March general meeting, you missed a great presentation by our own David Haight with his Department of Fish and Game hat on. He dispensed a wealth of information on local waters, what the fishing opportunities were and what the stocking is for those waters. This was not limited to our local rivers but included our local lakes and ponds. I don’t know about the rest of the attendees but I learned a lot about unexplored fishing opportunities in the region. Dave also informed us about the fishing quality and what some of the invasive species are that have been illegally introduced to these waters and the relative impact and whether or not these lakes are candidates for mitigation. He also covered the seasons for salmon and steelhead in the Rogue, Applegate, and Illinois rivers. I hope that the rest of the attendees enjoyed the program as much as I did. I want to thank David for presenting an outstanding and relevant program.

Speaking of fishing opportunities, the Applegate action has been very slow. I have talked to Josh at the Rogue Fly Shop and the fish are there but very spotty. Josh was hoping this latest weather would move some fish into the system. I floated the river from Williams Creek to the Murphy pullout and two of us only had one hook up and it was on for a couple of exciting minutes then said farewell. Here is hoping that a little rain brings more fish.

On March 17th a group of us met with Deanna Copeland at Baker Park and went over what Deanna was hoping to accomplish without help. Ten (10) SOFF members met and we are going to help beautify the Park area by eradicating the blackberry bushes. We are primarily focusing on the area between the boat ramp and the bridge. Considering the park service’s wants to save the trees so we can’t go in with heavy equipment and just plow it out. However we don’t have to remove the vines from the area. We will just pile them up and the parks services will remove the debris. There will be two times for people to help depending on their schedules. We have tentatively set up a monthly meeting starting on Saturday, April 13th at noon. Members will also be working at the same time Deanna’s garden club meets on the third Wednesdays of each month at 10 AM. The weekend schedule is to accommodate a few of those folks who can’t make it on Wednesdays. If you find yourself with free time on either of these schedules, feel free to come out and give a hand as little or as long as you want. Remember to bring gloves and long sleeves. Unfortunately, we are going to have to provide our own brush hooks, rakes, trimmers etc.

As many of you know I have just embarked on a long road trip. Well even though it is not yet a fishing trip, that will come when we get to Montana, for now it is sightseeing and visiting friends. With months of planning and anticipation we headed down the road with seemingly not a care in the world until we got to the very first rest stop. Lora was getting ready to take the dog for a walk and I ran off to take care of another kind of business and thought that Lora was staying near the truck. I threw my keys on the front seat and Lora closed the door to get to the back door to get the dog’s leash. At that moment, the dog gets excited and jumped on the arm rest and hit the door lock button. So here we are just a few miles down the road and we are locked out of the truck with our wallets, cell phones and keys along with the dog locked in the truck. After about 5 minutes of trying to get the dog to repeat the process and hit the unlock button we give up and went to a friendly person to borrow their phone to call my mother-in-law to have her call AAA. After giving her the information and just before I hung up Lora went back to the truck and was shaking the proverbial parental finger at the dog, where upon she got excited again and jumped on the arm rest and low and behold hit the unlock button. What are the odds? First catastrophe avoided. We head on down the road and get to Stockton and visit with some of Lora’s old school friends and have a great dinner at a local restaurant.

We get up the next morning with a long drive ahead. We get to Bakersfield and turn east on Highway 58 over the Tehachapi pass. We are winding through the mountains and heard this load bang and the left rear tire blows on the truck. Luckily we were able to get to the side of the road near a call phone so there was room to somewhat get off the road. This is now Sunday afternoon, we call AAA and they respond with a truck out of Tehachapi and arrive at the location within a half an hour. Now, having to lower the spare tire for the first time since we have owned the truck, we find that an adapter is missing and the truck driver

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Future Programs

| May 16th | Phil Rowley |
| Jun 20th | Michael Caranci |
| Jul 18   | No Meeting   |
| Jul 20   | Wine Meeting |
| Aug 15   | No Meeting   |
| Sep 19   | Jon Hazel    |
| Oct 17   | Brian O’Keefe|
| Nov 9    | Annual Auction |

President’s Message Cont. From Pg. 2

can’t change our tire. Plan B, he grabs the blown tire and we run in to town and after checking three tire places we find one just minutes before it is closing and they have a tire for the truck. We get back to the rig where Lora and the dog are patiently waiting. With the new tire on and the left side of my truck wheel well torn up we head down the road. We decide to stop in Mojave for the night. We get up the next morning and head to Kingman, AZ. The truck is running fine and we are climbing and climbing and finally level off near Needles. As we get within about 40 miles of Kingman, I feel a vibration that is different than the one of just a bumpy road. It is more a steady and consistent vibration and does not vary with the road conditions. I pull over to check the tires and do a walk around to see if I can find anything. Everything looks OK however as we pull away from the side of the road it feels like my truck has a tire out of round, just like that commercial with the new knee joint being round instead of elliptical. So we have this steady thump as we go into town. I slow it way down (I still can’t get to a spare). We get into Kingman and grab the first camp sight available with the 5th wheel and get up the next morning looking for tires. We finally find a tire shop and we tell them what kind of tires we have on the vehicle and come to find out that there has been a recall on them. Needless to say I was not a happy camper. We finally get back on the road with four.

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WHEN:
Apr. 18, 2013

TIMES:
5:00 PM
Social Hour
7:00 PM
Remarks by the President
7:15 PM
Dinner

WHERE:
Taprock Event Center
955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

Annual Fly Tyers Meeting

Dave Haight demonstrating tying various knots at a previous years ‘Tyers Night’.

John Edwards, Cathy Hamilton and the late Al Brunell demonstrating their fly tying abilities at a ‘Fly Tyers Night’.
April is the month many of us can’t wait for each year. It is the night our best tyers and a few guest tyers from the Umpqua Fly Fishers, SOFT, RFF and Cascade Christian High School show off their talents and we learn a little bit more about tying better flies. Here is the schedule and a list of tyers that will showing off their talent for you.

EVENING SCHEDULE:

4:30 PM DOORS OPEN FOR TYER SET UP
5:00 PM: TYER DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN
7:00 PM: SOFF MEETING
7:15-8:00 PM: DINNER
8:00-9:15 PM: TYING CONTINUES

TYERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

BRUCE BOCKMAN
KEVIN DANIELS
JAY DALEY
JEFF FOX
JOHN GRAVES
DAVE GROSJACQUES
DAVID Haight
DALE HEATH
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HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR AN ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENING OF EXPERT FLY TYING.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

April Outing: Copeland’s Pond

For those of you that have been in the club for a while, I really don’t need to say much about the club outing to Copeland’s Pond other than it will be on April 20 this year. You already know what a special opportunity it is to fish this pond, and that it produces some really big largemouth bass and black crappie. For those new to the club, Copeland’s Pond is a private pond, carefully managed by SOFF life member Bob Copeland, that contains largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullheads, and carp. Bob requires all fish caught from the pond be released; thus, allowing the fish to grow to impressive sizes. In past years, club members have landed crappie up to 15 inches and largemouth bass up to 20 inches in length.

The pond has plenty of shoreline access, but a float tube, pontoon boat, drift boat, or other small watercraft will give you better access to the water. For panfish, 3 to 5-weight rods work well, but if you hook into one of the big bass or carp, you will wish you had something with more backbone. If you plan to target bass or carp, a 6 to 8-weight rod would be a good choice. Slow sinking lines will likely be the most useful, but bring your floating lines as well. Your fly box should contain bass bugs, rabbit-strip flies, wooly buggers, leeches, streamers, and nymphs. Olive, brown, or white woolly buggers have worked well for both crappie and bass in past years.

Copeland’s Pond is near the corner of Applegate Avenue and Leonard Road. Turn north off Redwood Highway onto Applegate Avenue then look for the club signs just before Applegate Avenue turns right and becomes Leonard Road. You can join us there anytime after 8:30.

Deanna Copeland is again graciously allowing us to use her deck and picnic facilities for our noon barbecue. The club will provide hamburgers, chips and drinks. Those attending are requested to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. If you plan to go, please sign up at the April meeting or call or e-mail me by April 18, so I know how much food to purchase.

The outing to Copeland’s Pond is always one of the most popular outings of the year. With the terrific fishing and the opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow club members, it certainly is a great way to start off the spring fishing season.

David Haight, Outings Chair 541-855-9043, tmdrhaight@infostructure.net

Fly Tying Clinic

Just in time for the summer fly fishing season – learn to tie the ever-popular Humpy. Our very own Mark Teters will teach a small group of nine eager students the subtle complexities for tying this popular dry fly. The class will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 1-4:00 pm in the small conference room at Tap Rock restaurant. Enrollment is limited to nine. If you are interested please call Jerry Keeling at 541-218-7264. There is no charge for the class. You must bring your own fly tying tools. It is preferable to have a pedestal vise. If you need to use a clamp on vise, please bring cardboard to help protect the table surface at Tap Rock. You may order food or drinks off the menu. See you there.

Jerry Keeling Clinic Chair

Still Water Clinic With Phil Rowley

As you may know, noted Canadian still water specialist Phil Rowley will be the club’s guest speaker in May. He will also be doing a presentation at the Rogue Fly Fishers.

Since Rowley is in town and doing a presentation at both clubs’, dual club member, John MacDiarmid along with members of the Rogue club have arranged to put together a clinic with Rowley that will be conducted Friday night, May 17 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park, all day Saturday May 18th at the mobile home park for classroom instruction and practical demonstration and instruction at Diamond Lake on May 19th.

The cost for this event is $60 to be payable to SOFF.

If you ever wanted to learn the intricacies of ‘still water’ fly fishing, then this is the perfect time to learn from...
FLY TYING CORNER

Blood Worm

Hook: 2X Heavy Wire, 2X Short, 2X Wide Gap - TMC 2457, Dai-Riki 135, Daiichi 1120; Size 12.
Bead: 8/0 Seed Bead - Transparent Red, Silver-lined.
Thread: Red 8/0.
Body: Spanflex - Red - Medium, Cut 2 1/4 in. long
Collar: Rhea - Dyed Red.

Tying Instructions:

A note about the materials: Transparent silver-lined seed beads can be found in bead shops and some craft stores. Spanflex is a rubber-leg-like material. Rhea is like a very fine ostrich plume. Spanflex and Rhea are available from fly shops or through mail order.

Smash the barb and place the seed bead on the hook. Lay in a thread base right behind the bead, going back 1/16” Tie in one strand of Spanflex right behind the bead on top of the thread base on the top of the hook. Attach a hackle plier to the other end of the Spanflex. Attach a dubbing twister to the hackle plier and give two good spins, creating a tight twist. Grab the twisted Spanflex, leaving 1/8” of the tag end. Tie in the tag end right behind the bead, keeping a finger inside the loop of twisted Spanflex. Replace your finger with a bodkin, pull it back to straighten out the loop, grab the end of the loop between your thumb and index finger, and pull out the bodkin. Release the loop, allowing the Spanflex to twist on itself, thus creating a furled body. If it turns into an ugly knot, re-insert a bodkin in the twisted loop right behind the tie-in point and slide it back to the end of the loop to straighten it out, and try it again. Position the thread 1/16” behind the head and tie in one “herl” of Rhea by the butt on top of the hook, and take one half turnover the top of the hook. Wrap 3 turns of the Rhea clockwise round the thread, creating a rope. Wrap the rope forward to the bead and tie off. Whip finish behind the bead and apply head cement.

Fly Tied by Dave Hamilton

Membership Form

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like mind demonstrating skills that you aspire to?

Bob Quigley Fly Plate For Sale

By Gary Miller

The Fly Fishing Class at Cascade Christian High has received some support from estates during the nine years running of our program. A lawyer friend recently sent us a box labelled ‘fly tying stuff.’ Buried treasure was found at the bottom under the gaudy turquoise schlappen. Praise be! These beautifully-framed Giant Western Stoneflies tied by the late, great Bob Quigley have come to the benefit of our Fly Fishing Class.

Loren Black came all the way from his new home in Sparks, NV to tie at the Fly Tyers Fair.

I hope to remedy this inadequacy in April, along with learning a little more about tying other fly patterns demonstrated that night. You better believe that this time I’ll be taking notes instead chasing it to a questionable memory.

President’s Message Cont. From Pg. 3

new tires, and the spare is now accessible. As you can guess I have spent way too much money for the first three days of a 90 day trip. God, I hope the rest of the trip becomes the vacation we were hoping to enjoy. I don’t know about you but it is “Miller time”

Hope you all are having a great spring and enjoying the weather. Hope the fishing has improved.

John

Phil Rowley Cont. From Pg. 5

one of the masters of this type of fly fishing.

For additional information or to sign-up for the class, contact Larry Bressler at dboat@mind.net.

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Dale Heath demonstrating his talents at the Fly Tyers Fair.

If you were unable to attend the annual event in Albany, fear not as John Storfold and Ed Morphis have cobbled together a group of twenty or so of the SOFF’s premiere tyers to demonstrate their talents at the vise at the April dinner meeting. Consider this a mini conclave which doesn’t require walking as far. Actually several of the club tyers at this event also tied at the Fly Tyers Fair in Albany.

Among all the tyers that will there in April, there is one I particularly want to see and that is David Haight who instead of tying flies, will be demonstrating different types of knots. The clinch knot, the surgeon’s knot and the blood knot are all tried and true in my meager stable of knots, yet there are many others that may be stronger or allow the fly to act more naturally that I don’t have a clue on how to tie.
Wow! What another bang up fly tying extravaganza put on by the Oregon Council of Federation of Fly Fishers in March at their annual Fly Tying Fair. Almost 200 tyers over two days demonstrated their expertise in the art of fly tying.

As this is the great ‘Northwest’, where steelhead reign supreme for the fly fisher, it was no surprise that there were many tyers tying various steelhead patterns. A commonality among these patterns was the use of marabou which would certainly give the illusion of life as the fly swam in the current. Then there were the flies for trout. There were dries, nymphs, and emergers. Some were so tiny that one had a hard time seeing them, while others were so large that you’d wonder how they even could be cast.

Next were those tyers that demonstrated fly tying as an art form using feathers and other components to fashion Atlantic salmon patterns. These flies are definitely works of art, better suited for framed display then at the end of fly line, yet their genesis was just that, a fly to catch a certain type of fish.

As I walked down the rows of tyers, I was like a bee flitting from flower to flower. Passing by some with but a glance, while actively watching others as they crafted their flies; all the while trying to remember the steps necessary to tying the fly. And if I should show enough interest, I was usually rewarded with a sample of the fly.

One thing that I always say without fear of contradiction, is that there is never a time when I attend these events that I don’t come away better for it. Maybe it’s a new material or a new tying technique or even a new pattern, but whatever it is, I always come away learning something new.

I guess for us hard core fly tying fanatics these types of shows can be considered ‘heaven on earth’. Where else can you find a group of people of
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SOFF’ers take the opportunity to “put the hurt” on a lot of warm water fish at Copeland’s Pond.

Russ Leavitt displays his personal best largemouth bass taken at Copeland's Pond during the recent club outing.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

As I am sure most of you know that the Baker Park Beautification Project was shut down by the City. Although we thought we had the go ahead from the parks department etc. Unfortunately the city had not bought in to the project. I do want to thank the folks that had volunteered to help even though the project was shut down.

I heard from Dave Grosjacques that the Copeland Ponds outing was a great success and that around 25 folks had a good time and some good fishing. This is one outing that I always put on my calendar but this year I missed it as we are on the road.

I was sorry to hear that Mother Nature put a kink in our outing to the Umpqua. I want to thank David Haight for taking his best shot at predicting the season for the outings and I am sure he was not happy to have to cancel the outing. This is a great venue for steelhead fishing and a great getaway just to our north with some of the most beautiful waters around. We are blessed to be in an area where we can find places to fish throughout the year. Whether it is on a lake or on one of our many rivers, there is always somewhere to go. This is one of the major reasons I chose to retire in this area.

I hear from Ed Morphis that the Fly Tyer’s Dinner went well as usual and all that went had a good time and were able to glean some tips on fly tying from some of the best tyers in the state. I want to thank them for sharing their time and expertise with the group.

As I have been traveling around the states I am reminded of all the different venues we have available to us and the different species that are available to give us a tug. As I received many different newsletters from places around the states I am also reminded how many ways there are to fish let alone within the realm of fly fishing. We often find ourselves in discussions about what is the best way to catch fish, which is the most productive, which way is the most exciting, and which ways require different equipment and different means to present our fly of choice. I am in wonderment that we have found a sport that allows us so many different ways to enjoy and keep us in a never ending search for the technique that we find most satisfying. Again what is important that we don’t forget that each of us have different tastes, just like we each order different food when we go to the restaurant we each have our own way of finding great satisfaction in our love of the sport.

Even within our club we have the different groups of folks who find totally different ways to get a fish to take a fly. Dry fly; nymphing with and without an indicator; swinging with single handed or spey rods. Did I miss any? Probably! I personally have tried them all and find them all enjoyable, but just like many of you I find some more exciting than others. Just like chironomid fishing with an indicator can take extreme patience and that is something I frequently find myself without. However it can be a very effective way to catch fish. Even last year the kids from Cascade Christian went to Pronghorn and killed them using chironomids. It would have been the last thing I would have tried. Even our guest speaker vary in their preference for methods and are convinced that their way is the best. But I think that is good that we have been exposed to different ideas on how and when to fish with different methods and my hat is off to Gary Miller for providing us with guest speakers from around the US that expose us to varied methods that we may all employ on different occasions on different bodies of water. We hope that the membership is happy with the quality of the programming we bring as it is here to provide our members with entertainment and information from some of the best fishing minds in our sport. And that is one reason we try to keep a good mix in our guest speakers to hopefully keep the interest of all of our club members.

As you may have noticed last month was more of a travelogue from my trip around the US. I tried really hard to resist this month. Seeing the trip is not all about fishing I have chosen not to dwell on a very interesting trip. Not all good but as a teaser I will leave you with that and will fill in those that wish when I return. Hope all of you are doing fine and enjoying the warmer weather and hopefully a few tight lines in the process.

So with that I will turn this over to our very capable editor and wish you all tight lines.
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**WHEN:**

**Time:**

- 6:00 PM: Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo.
- 7:00 PM: Meeting
- 7:30 PM: Dinner and Program

**WHERE:**

Taprock Event Center
955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

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**Bob Quigley Fly Plate For Sale**

By Gary Miller

The Fly Fishing Class at Cascade Christian High has received some support from estates during the nine years running of our program. A lawyer friend recently sent us a box labelled ‘fly tying stuff.’ Buried treasure was found at the bottom under the gaudy turquoise schlappen. Praise be! These beautifully-framed Giant Western Stoneflies tied by the late, great Bob Quigley have come to the benefit of our Fly Fishing Class.

Phil has been fly fishing for over 30 years. His love of fly fishing has taken him across North America pursuing trout, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, char, pike, walleye and numerous other species on the fly. But Phil is best known for his stillwater exploits.

A former commercial fly tyer, Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. He has authored three books and numerous feature articles and two regular columns. Phil’s first book Fly Patterns for Stillwaters is a best seller. In addition to his writing, Phil has four instructional DVD’s. In 2007, Phil was a member of the gold medal winning team at the Canadian Fly Fishing championships.

When he isn’t on the water, Phil travels North America performing at outdoor shows, providing seminars, speaking to fly clubs and conducting fly-fishing schools. Phil also provides instructional stillwater guiding on the lakes located a short distance from his Edmonton area home.

Phil has appeared on a number of TV shows including, BC Outdoors Sports Fishing, Sport Fishing B.C., Fishing Alberta and Fishing with Shelly and Courtney. Phil is presently one of the co-hosts of the New Fly Fisher, an educational fly fishing production.
CASTING ABOUT

A Silver Anniversary

By Duane Chebul

What is a silver anniversary anyway? Basically it means 25 years of doing something, whether it’s marriage or a business or whatever. In this case, the silver anniversary marks 25 years of flyfishing with the same group of guys.

It started in 1988 when I was the president of the Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers. I was asked by a person that would turn out to be a lifelong fishing partner if I wanted to go on the trip with him and four others to the Green River in Utah. Being one who doesn’t jump at anything I hemmed and hawed and at first decided to turn him down. It was my wife who ultimately changed my mind and told me to go with the guys and am I ever glad that I did. Thus began a yearly flyfishing adventure to somewhere in the Western United States.

The first three years were repeat trips to the Green River and as a result we coined the moniker ‘the Green River Boys’, a name that would stick with us over the years. In 1998, we made our last trip to the Green River.

Lodge in Dutch John Utah on April 13 and enjoy a week of fishing the Green.

Checking the weather it was noted that there could be snow showers for the first day or two that we were there. Not too bad because we had encountered snow showers in our previous outings. Imagine our surprise as Sunday morning dawned cloudy and snowing. It had probably snowed 6 inches overnight, a dubious start to our fishing adventure.

If you have ever fished the Green River you know that there’s are only two access points to the River. The first being the put in point immediately below Flaming Gorge Dam and the second one at Little Hole, seven miles downriver. Between the two access points, there is a trail maintained by the Forestry Service that provides access along the river.

We decided that we would start fishing at Little Hole and maybe walk up a mile or two up river and back. Although it snowed up where we were staying, there didn’t seem to be any snow on the ground where we’re going to fish. A blowing wind dropped chill factor to probably the low 20s. We were there to fish, the weather be damned. I would like to have said that we slayed them, but as a group we probably averaged no more than one or two fish each. Even though the weather was cold there were two specific hatches the first being Tricos in the morning and blue wing olives in the afternoon. Hatches were so prolific that vast amounts of spinner falls blanketed the river. The fish reacted as one might expect seeing all this food. They were fish rising for duns, taking the emergers in the film and slurping up the spinner falls as they formed rafts in backwater eddies.

In an effort to entice the fish, I use a blue winged olive parachute. The fish cavorted with wild abandonment, but never looked at what I was using. I really think the fly of choice would’ve been a blue wing olive emerger, of which I was fresh out. Even if I had one, there were just too many insects on the water to be able to have a fish rise to a specific fly.

After several hours of walking and casting, I was about to give up and walk back to the car. In route to the car, I stopped at a backwater eddy that I had fished earlier. The fish were still there sipping at the spinnerfall that had now formed into a scum line. You could hear the fish slurping as they took numerous insects in one bite. Cast after cast continued to be ignored I was becoming a little disheartened. Now there are times when you fish that you just can’t get them to take your fly you and you’re just about ready to give up, but want to try a couple more casts, and so it was with me. Finally, I had a fly float down the scum line and a fish looking to take a mouthful of spinners also ingested my fly. After a spirited battle, I brought a nice 15 inch brown to hand. I confirmed my suspicions about the fish taking my fly, when I saw that the fish and swallowed it deep in his throat. Instead of possibly injuring the fish trying to retrieve the fly, I broke it off and set him free. Another day the skunk flag would not be flown. Now it was time to get back to the condo and an adult beverage.

Next day, my partner Terry Ne- set and I had arranged for a guide trip down the river, so it was with a bit of shock that we found that it had snowed at least 12 or more inches overnight. We talked about whether we really wanted to go, but at the appointed time we found ourselves at the Trout Fly, a fly shop in Dutch John. We met up with our guide, a gentleman by the name of “Boomer” Stout who has guided on the Green River the last 30 years.

For purposes of floating, the Green
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Lemolo 2013

The club outing for late May and early June will be to Lemolo Reservoir. The lake is about 10 miles north of Diamond Lake, an easy 2-hour drive from Grants Pass. Dave Grosjacques will be the host of this outing, which will be Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st.

The lake is large enough for big boats, but pontoon boats and float tubes can also be used in the numerous coves and inlets. There are rainbow trout and brown trout in the lake, with either intermediate sink or floating lines the best options for presentation.

The lake has a small, family-owned resort which rents rustic cabins and has an RV park with hookups. They also have a small restaurant, store and gas station. There are three campgrounds on the lake, Poole Creek campground being the largest. Dave will be in the Poole Creek campground Tuesday through Friday. There is one cabin right on the lake at Lemolo, and Dave has rented it for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Club members will meet at the cabin for fish stories and bring your own food & drink on Friday and Saturday afternoon. Members can use the cabin’s bathroom, kitchen, refrigerator and microwave for these afternoon/evening fish socials. If you are going on this outing send Dave an email at dasa29@msn.com.

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Lava Lake Outing

Still Water Clinic With Phil Rowley

As you may know, noted Canadian still water specialist Phil Rowley will be the club’s guest speaker in May. He will also be doing a presentation at the Rogue Fly Fishers.

Since Rowley is in town and doing a presentation at both clubs’, dual club member, John MacDiarmid along with members of the Rogue club have arranged to put together a clinic with Rowley that will be conducted Friday night, May 17 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park, all day Saturday May 18th at the mobile home park for classroom instruction and practical demonstration and instruction at Diamond Lake on May 19th.

The cost for this event is $60 to be payable to SOFF.

If you ever wanted to learn the intricacies of ‘still water’ fly fishing, then this is the perfect time to learn from one of the masters of this type of fly fishing.

For additional information or to sign-up for the class, contact Larry Bressler at dboat@mind.net.

2013 Outings

| May 18-20  | Pronghown Lake |
| June 1-2   | Lemolo Lake    |
| June 27-30 | Cascades Lake/ Upper Deschutes |
| July 27    | Howard Prairie |
| Aug 17-18  | Fourmile Lake  |
| Sep 14-15  | Agness Halfpounders |
| Oct 19     | Middle Rogue Steel head |

After a hard day of fishing, everybody digs in at the Saturday night potluck.
FLY TYING CORNER

Stretch Magic Midge

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Tying Instructions:

A note about materials: Transparent seed beads with silver lining and solid white seed beads can be found in bead shops or craft stores.

Smash the barb and place the white bead on the hook, followed by the green bead. Place the hook in the vise in a vertical position, with the eye pointing down. This makes it easier to tie on the Stretch Magic. Tie in the thread a little past the midpoint of the bend of the hook. Tie in the Stretch Magic at this point leaving about a ¼” tag. Reposition the hook to a normal tying position in the vise. Spiral the thread forward to the bead on the bare hook, creating a rib. Wrap the Stretch Magic forward, placing each wrap next to the previous one, and stretching it as you wrap, until you reach the bead. Secure with 2 – 3 tight wraps. Stretch the Stretch Magic and cut as close as possible. Whip finish and apply head cement. Stretch the tag end of the Stretch Magic and cut as close as possible.

This pattern can also be tied in different colors by changing the olive thread and the green bead to black, tan, or red. (The white bead is always used.) I learned to tie this fly from Bob Wolfe at the International FFF Show in Spokane last year.

Fly tied by Jay Daley

John Storfold Fly Tying Chair Ph. 660-6584 E-mail: steelyjon@q.com
COMING EVENTS

5-1  Board Meeting
5-14 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
5-16  Club Meeting with Phil Rowley.
5-17-19 Still Water Clinic with Phil Rowley at Madrone Mobile Home Park.
5-18-20 Club Outing to Pronghorn Lake.
5-31 -6-1 Club Outing to Lemolo Lake.
6-5  Board Meeting.
6-11 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.

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is divided into three sections. The first being the A section that goes from the dam to Little Hole, the B section from Little Hole to Browns Park take-out point nine miles downriver and the last one from Browns Park to a town called Green River. Because of the weather, “Boomer” was a little reluctant to do the B section because it entailed a 30 mile trip over a dirt road to get back to Dutch John. We finally prevailed and begin our trip from Little Hole.

The author with one of the many browns he caught on the float.

After rigging us up with a two nymph setup, a blue wing nymph as the point fly and a Trico as the trailing fly, we set out. We hadn’t gone 100 feet downriver when I hooked up with the first fish of the trip, a nice brown trout.

A couple of minutes later, I hooked another then another and finally my partner Terry got in the action. It went on this way for the next three hours. We would pick up a fish here and there in a run and if the guide thought it promising, he would row back up river and float through the run again.

Lunch stop with a heavy snowfall. Thank goodness for a hot meal.

Finally after four hours we stopped for lunch. Normally it’s been my experience when you go with a guide, lunch would be some type of sandwiches or the ingredients necessary to make your own. So it was a pleasurable surprise to me when the “Boomer” hauled out his gas barbecue and begin grilling chicken breasts, ham slices, topped with cheese all put on a bun. Added to this was a salad, chips and drinks. The lunch was great, the only way it could’ve been better is if he had provided coffee. While eating lunch it began snowing again. Unless the wind blew it really wasn’t that cold. As we started out after lunch, we begin noticing fish rising. It was the blue wing hatch again and the fish were rising wherever you looked.

I tied on a blue winged olive parachute and cast out and was rewarded with an instant grab. Was this the ticket? Would this fly continue to be productive? I would like to say it would but it cooled off and I was rewarded with only the occasional fish after that. I needed that ‘bwo’ emerger again, the one I still didn’t have.

As the day wore on, this became the pattern. We could see the fish rising ahead of us so we drifted our flies down to intercept them. Sometimes they took the fly and many more times they wouldn’t. When there were no fish rising, we went back to the nymphs again. It was one of these times when we were using the nymphs that I hooked a white fish that probably fought harder than any of the trout that I caught that day. After the fish was landed the guide estimated its weight at approximately 5 pounds. This easily had to be the largest white fish I had ever caught.

Not too much later we ended up at the take-out point and reflected on the day that was spectacular considering the weather. My partner and I had easily caught a dozen or more fish each day, a day that started out in which I would’ve give you $.10 for, but that’s fishing.

At some point you have to say fishing loses and the snow wins.

Monday to Tuesday, what else would you expect it snowed again overnight this time 12 to 15 inches. It snowed so much that looking at my car all I could see was a square block of snow. I like fishing is much as the next person, but this was too much for me and I became a couch potato for the day. Thank goodness for DirecTV or it really would’ve been a bummer.

Tuesday to Wednesday it snowed all night again another 6 to 8 inches. By this point we had to have anywhere from 30 to 36 inches of snow over five days. After a conference with the other members of the group it was decided that the fish gods were against us and
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we should limit our losses and cut the trip short.

Although I didn’t fish any more on the trip, my partner wanted to give it one more shot. Although fishing was our first concern, we were also there to conduct a little ceremony. One of the members of the group passed away two years ago and one of his last wishes was that his cremated remains be scattered in the Madison River, the Green River and the East Walker River. We scattered a portion of his remains on the Madison shortly after his death and now we were going to place some more of his ashes in the Green River. He was the Green River Boys’GREEN RIVER BOYS' last member and he didn’t think the group should stop just because of his death.

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After that my partner Terry fished for about an hour and caught one fish, but then the wind started blowing and common sense ruled the day and we left.

The next morning another 4 to 5 inches fell overnight and we knew it was time to go.

All in all I have to say that it was a great trip. Although the drive was a little long (a little more than 2000 miles round trip) and the weather was the pits, the camaraderie among the group and the fact that we all caught fish was what it was all about. It seems strange that six individuals, all who came from diverse backgrounds, all who lived in five different states were able to bond together and made a ritual of meeting for a week to fish somewhere in Western US. I would like to say that the glue that bonded us together for the last twenty-five years was fly fishing, but that would be too simple. There are just too many intrinsic things that are also included in the equation. In 25 years there has never been a crossword among any member of the group that’s not to say that there haven’t been numerous barbs, jabs, name-calling, prank-playing done over the years, but no one ever became offended. I think we all realized that if any of these things became personal, that would have spelled the end of the ‘Green River Boys’.

Now all we have to worry about is age and infirmity as the youngest member is 65 with the remainder in their 70’s. We start each day a little later and end a little earlier, but we still have the same intensity to fly fish as we had when we first started way back when. I can only hope that God grants the ‘GRB’s’ a few more years in which we can answer the clarion call to get together and tease a trout or two with a fly yet again.
Using some of the guides that present programs to So Oregon Fly Fishers provides the opportunity for its members to catch some really big fish.

Ray McClenathan on a recent outing with guide Craig Neilsen of Shasta Trout proudly displays a fine brown trout taken from the lower Sacramento River. According to the guide, Ray’s brown trout is akin to a Big Foot or Loch Ness Monster sighting, you hear of them, but never quite believe it until you see them with your own eyes.

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

Here we are and it is already the June newsletter. My, how time flies. I have been having a great time in New York and Pennsylvania visiting my kids and grandkids. However, I have not really gotten much fishing in but did manage to get a little in both states.

At my daughter’s graduation party, I met a member of the storied “Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club” where the likes of Presidents Teddy Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and Bush Sr. have fished. And of course we got on the topic of fly fishing. He invited me to join him one afternoon and gave me a great tour of the facilities. I got the dollar tour with the history of the club and the surrounding properties and how they stock the stream with browns and brook trout. The property is quite extensive and in addition to fishing, they also hunt on the property for small game. Although the property is left in its natural state, it was groomed around the stream with frequent picnic tables. This is hog heaven for those who like spring creek sight fishing.

On this Memorial Day weekend, my kids and grandkids went to Robert H. Treman State Park, near Ithaca, New York. There was fishing in the park and I with the grandkids in tow, got the opportunity to make a few casts. I’m pleased to say that we hooked two and landed one brown in about two hours of fishing in a pool at the base of a beautiful waterfall. The afternoon brought out the shutterbug crowd and it got a little too close quartered to continue to fly fish so I just took in the beautiful sights before wandering back to our camp site. Even though the campground was full, it was laid out well and one didn’t feel crowded. Maybe it had something to do with the park being wooded and the grounds well kept. We had a great time, but as with all things, it came to an end and we loaded up the rig and headed to my daughter’s place in Hollidaysburg PA. Thursday we’re are off to see some more friends in Lorain Ohio where we’ll spend a few days there before we head west.

I learned that we had the misfortune to have a scheduling issue with the Taprock Event Center for the May meeting. You folks missed out on a great guest speaker in the person of Phil Rowley. The editor’s column in this newsletter has covered the circumstance surrounding the issue and I will not dwell on it other than to say that the board is very sorry that you had to endure this situation and we will do our very best to ensure it does not happen again.

Next month we have the “Dinner at the Vineyard” and hope you find it appealing. For those of you that have not attended in the past, this is more a social event rather than a fly fishing event. It is not just a forum to gather and drink wine, but a chance for the members and their spouses or significant others to have a great dinner and fellowship with one another without the emphasis on flyfishing. It also is a chance to visit with some good friends and enjoy one of the best views in the Applegate Valley.

I know that you are all aware that we are on our trip, but I don’t want to bore you with all the details of the break downs etc.; however, there is one lesson I would like to share with you. A couple of years ago I purchased my truck from a reputable car dealer and seeing that it was used but in good shape, I purchased an aftermarket or third party extended warranty. Unfortunately, during the trip, my water pump failed and it was covered by the warranty. When I went to contact them, the contact number on the warranty not only was not good, but it had been reissued. When I went on the internet and googled the company, it took me straight to a Better Business Bureau article with a host of complaints about the company and advised, that if I had problem to seek legal assistance.

The reason I am sharing this with you is not to burden you with my woes, but to advise you to beware of these third party warranties and make sure when and if you get one to check the issuer out fully. Doing so might just forestall the same bad luck I had, not only was I out the cost of the extended warranty, but also the cost of the repairs.

I am hoping to be back from our trip in time to make the Lava Lake outing. Here is wishing you all tight lines.

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ATTENTION!
Board Meeting
The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Taprock Restaurant
The next meeting is scheduled: June 4th, 6:00pm or the first Tuesday of the month
All members welcome
**PROGRAMS**

**Future Programs**

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Bill Tinniswood - Secrets of Klamath & Lake Counties

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**Thread & Wax**  
**By Dale Heath**

It all started out innocently enough, an off the cuff question about whether or not to use waxed thread.

But let me digress for a moment, back to my beginning fly tying days. I started off using Nymo, the heavy stuff that came in large cones. I was trying to mimic Polly Rosborough, who tied without a bobbin. I would strip off about 10 feet of Nymo, lay it on the floor, and begin tying. Every time it came to the next step of tying in a piece of material, I would secure the previous step with a half hitch and some cement. The flies were big and bulky, but strong. They didn’t last long, ending up in a tree, some bushes, or the hook point breaking off on some rocks. I spent all my free time tying flies or taking them out to the trout fishing destruction derby.

Then one evening while watching Polly tie, we noticed he had a rubber wheel screwed into his desk that he would jam the thread into, whenever he wanted to hold the thread while he was adding the material for the next fly tying step. It didn’t take long before I had one on my tying desk and it reduced the number of half hitches by at least half.

I never had Nymo break while tying. After many years, I finally switched over to lighter weight Danville and then UTC. After taking some fly tying classes in Medford, I switched

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Bill graduated from OSU with a BS in Fisheries Science and a minor in entomology in 1998 and currently works for the ODFW as a fisheries biologist. He currently serves as a biologist for the Klamath Basin.

In his early days, Bill grew up in Klamath Falls and the Keno area and being an avid fly fisherman; he fished and sampled most of the water bodies in the basin.

Now as a biologist for the region, he has become even more attuned with the fly fishing possibilities for Klamath and Lake Counties. His presentation on the “Secrets of Klamath and Lake counties” will cover the where, when, how and sometimes why of fishing the most productive waters in the Klamath Basin.

As an amateur entomologist (teacher assistant for aquatic entomology at OSU for two years), he’ll go in depth on the basins best hatches for the ‘match the hatch fly fishermen’.

Additionally, he will cover his favorite fishery of casting large streamers in Upper Klamath Lake. He’ll also divulge most of his secrets of successful basin fly fishing.

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CASTING ABOUT

Beginners’ Fly Tying Class
By Dale Heath

Fly tying is part of our SOFF semiofficial motto: “We come together to celebrate the art, the science, and the joy of fly fishing”. At times, art, science, and joy all come into play while tying flies. Some fly tyers spend a lot more time at the tying bench than they do with a rod in their hands. What is it about fly tying that causes so many, to spend so much time and money at their hobby?

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So, when I was asked to teach my first fly tying class, I thought they were completely insane or incredibly desperate. Turns out, they were both. I found out they had an established, proven curriculum, good facilities and equipment, and a band of experienced helpers to aid the students in their quest to learn fly tying. Again, I learned more than the students did, but we all benefited from the experience. Some of the students have even joined SOFF.

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After a hard day of fishing and a big potluck dinner, what’s better than swapping stories around the fire?

Big Bird Continued From Pg. 6

This fly was created by Mike St John. According to Westfly, “Big Bird resembles a caddis pupa and is very useful on rivers such as the upper Rogue where summer steelhead feed on caddis pupa. … In general, it works well anytime steelhead prefer a small, drab fly, dead-drifted near the bottom.”

Fly Tied by Cathy Hamilton

Thread Cont. from Pg. 3

over to Uni Thread and started using a bobbin. I now use Euro Thread most of the time. I’ve never paid much attention to whether the thread was waxed or not. What influenced me most, was what my favorite famous demonstration tyer was endorsing or using at the moment. The range of color availability was also influential. I now like Euro Thread, because it’s small for it’s strength, will flatten fairly easily, is available in a wide range of sizes, 3/0 to 12/0, has several good colors, and is fairly inexpensive. Besides, my favorite fly tyers use it.

Is it waxed? I don’t think so, but most threads are advertised as lightly waxed. Danville 6/0 is available in both un-waxed and waxed. Thread choice is a very personal preference.

Waxed thread can be manipulated with the thumbnail to form a very smooth and tight head on a fly. It easily slides under the over-wraps when using a whip finisher. It’s a little stronger than un-waxed and resists abrasion. Un-waxed thread absorbs cement more readily.

This is a great discussion on waxed thread: http://www.flytyingforum.com/index.php?showtopic=55125

A little research revealed the following sewing thread information: Waxing nylon and polyester thread (cord) improves water and mildew resistance, adds lubrication for easier sewing, increases stitch strength, limits stretching, and gives a slightly glossy look. These qualities make waxed thread a great choice for projects that require strong, long-lasting, water-tight seams. Because of waxing, nylon and polyester work equally well for most applications.

Waxed thread is great for hand sewing and applications such as beading or netting. It does not work well with adhesives. You can use waxed thread with heavy duty commercial sewing machines but doing this leaves an annoying waxy residue. Our waxed threads are too thick for home sewing machines and many lightweight commercial machines. Our waxed thread coils do not have enough thread for machine sewing.

Wax-it-yourself - You can use our beeswax cubes to make any nylon thread or polyester thread into a waxed thread. Just rub the un-waxed thread over the beeswax cube. This is a great way to expand your color choices, have waxed thread in sizes that are smaller than the sizes we offer, and save.

Light Wax - Some waxed coils are

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Big Bird

Hook: Nymph 2 X Long; (Daiichi 1710, TMC 5262, Mustad 9671), Size 8.
Bead: 5/32 Brass.
Weight: .25 Lead Wire.
Thread: Brown 6/0.
Tail: Natural Brown Partridge Fibers.
Rib: Fine Copper Wire.
Abdomen: Tan Rabbit/Antron Blend Dubbing.
Collar: Natural Brown Partridge Feather - Two Turns.
Thorax: Tan Rabbit/Antron Blend Dubbing.

Tying Instructions:

Smash the barb and put bead on the hook. Wrap 18 wraps of lead onto the hook and then push it into the beadhead. Lay down a thread base to the bend of the hook, building up a ramp behind the lead, and cover the lead. Apply head cement to the thread. Pluck a small clump of fibers from a partridge feather and tie on for a tail. The tail should be ½ the length of the hook shank. Do not cut off the stubs of the fibers, but rather lash them down onto the hook with spiral wraps, thereby building up an underbody. Tie in a piece of fine copper wire on the side of the hook. Take a very small amount of dubbing and dub it onto your thread, and then form a dubbing loop and twist it to form a dubbed “rope”. Wind this rope to form the body of the fly, with touching wraps. If you run out of “rope”, repeat the process until you have formed the body of the fly, leaving room for the collar when you tie it off. Wind your rib and tie it off. When you select the feather to use for the hackle, choose one with fibers that will reach just beyond the hook point, and enough fibers for two turns. Tie in the hackle by the tip, wet-fly-style, and fold back the fibers. Make two turns of hackle and tie it off. Finish off the fly by applying a bit of dubbing to your thread and covering your thread wraps, right behind the beadhead. Whip finish behind the beadhead. If you wish to use head cement, apply the head cement to your thread before you whip finish. That way, you will get it on the thread, where you want it, and not on the dubbed wraps.

Special thanks to Dan Kellogg, who demonstrated this fly at the March meeting of the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers.

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John Storfold Fly Tying Chair Ph. 660-6584 E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

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- [ ] Youth..................................$10.00
- [ ] Contributing..........................$50.00
- [ ] Lifetime (Individual)..............$350.00
- [ ] Lifetime (Couple)....................$450.00

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

6-4  Board Meeting.
6-11  SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
6-20  Club Meeting - Bill Tinniswood.
6-27-30 Club Outing - Annual Club Outing to Lava Lake and the Upper Deschutes.
7-3  Board Meeting.
7-18  No Regular Club Meeting.
7-20  Annual Wine Meeting at Wooldridge Winery.
8-7  Board Meeting.
8-15  No Regular Club Meeting.

Editor's Notebook Cont. From Pg. 8

settled for a new date which would've been on the fourth Thursday of May. Although the change of date was brought up at a board meeting, apparently it was never memorialized and somehow fell through the cracks; consequently, Phil Rowley was contracted to be our May speaker for our usual third Thursday date and we went blissfully on the road to disaster.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, its board of directors and I personally wish to apologize not only to Phil Rowley, but also to the members of the club who wanted to hear his presentation, but due to circumstances were unable to.

Phil Rowley, much to his credit took this faux pas in stride and asked to be included as a speaker in the very near future.

The editor has since been in contact with Taprock and Event Center personnel and contracts have now been signed assuring that we'll be locked into the third Thursday of each month for as long as we meet at the Event Center. Unpredictable things can happen, such as the severe snow storm last December that caused the cancellation of the December meeting, and it might be another reason, but one thing for sure, it won't be because that date had been given away.

Since we had the fourth Thursday booked, we tried to get another speaker for the evening but on such short notice were unable to do so. It was decided that since we couldn't get a speaker, we would cancel the May meeting.

As Paul Harvey would've said “now you know the rest of the story” regarding the May meeting debacle.

Jordan Massie Awarded the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers Scholarship

Each year, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers award a scholarship to a student in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University that we feel will go on to make a valuable contribution to the conservation and management of our valuable fisheries resources. Jordan Massie was selected as the recipient of the scholarship for 2013 - 2014 academic year. Jordan is a junior with a 3.98 GPA. Besides impressive scholastic achievements, Jordan has obtained valuable work experience with the Oregon State Ichthyology Collection and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He has performed volunteer work for various groups, is active with the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society, and has received a number of awards and honors.

Jordan writes:

Dear members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers,

I am writing to you in high spirits to express my gratitude for being selected as a scholarship recipient for the coming school year! I will be a senior specializing in fisheries sciences and your generous gift will go a long way in helping to support my studies. Being an avid fisherman who appreciates the quality of recreational fishing in our region, recognition from an organization such as your is particularly meaningful. Opportunities such as these are imperative to ensure that financially independent students like me have the ability to pursue their dreams through higher education.

With most sincere thanks,
Jordan Massie

David Haight, Scholarship Chair

Thread Cont. From Pg. 5

marked “Lightly Waxed”. This means that the thread has less wax coating that other waxed threads. The lighter coating makes the thread easier to use, but it reduces the thread’s water resistance and strength. If you mix light wax and regular wax thread the difference will be noticeable.

So, the question was answered with the usual............. it all depends.

Photo Potpourri

Paul Renaud displays a nice Lahontan cutthroat taken from Pyramid Lake in Nevada.
Robert Burns, the noted Scottish poet once figuratively said “The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray” and so it was with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. At least 45 plus members of the club had come down to the Taprock Event Center on May 16th to have dinner and hear the presentation by Phillip Rowley, but instead were greeted by another group holding forth at the Event Center.

What was this other group doing here, after all the third Thursday of the month belongs to SOFF and has been so since the club’s inception some twenty years ago. There had to be a mistake. The Event Center had obviously double booked the facility and the other group would have to go.

While the club members milled about in the parking lot, acting president Dave Grosjacques attempted to sort out the problem. After some conversation with Event Center staff, it became clear, the other group had the facility and we had the door.

Board members frantically searched for another venue to salvage the night, but were unable to come up with any other place to go, so the meeting was cancelled. Some of the members were able to see and talk to Phil Rowley in passing in the parking lot, but that was the extent of ‘meeting with Rowley’.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and its board of directors were extremely embarrassed by this turn of events, not only because of Phil Rowley, who had traveled from Canada to do our meeting, but to the membership who had come out to partake of his presentation. This situation was unacceptable and Dave Grosjacques fired off an email to the Event Center staff as well as management personnel at Taprock demanding a meeting to determine what went wrong. Fortunately, the cold light of day tempered the feelings of the night before and the meeting was put on hold.

Your editor, who wears many hats for SOFF including meeting coordinator with the Event Center, was out of town when this was all occurring and it was only when he returned that he learned about the fiasco at the May meeting. How could this have happened? It must’ve been the fault of the Event Center staff.

In checking records, a new picture was painted. It seems that when the current event coordinator took over at the Events Center last October, she was unaware that we met monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Another group had approached her and she gave away the date to them. I had learned about this in November much to my chagrin, but was unable to do anything about it and
Although dark during July and August, So. Oregon Fly Fishers’s still find time to get together for their annual social and dinner among the vines.

What began as an experiment, has now become a tradition as the members of SOFF look forward to the club’s summer hiatus and the popular winery dinner and social that splits the two dark months of July and August. Once again the members will meet at the Wooldridge Winery for fellowship and the tasting of the nectar of the vines.
FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

Unfortunately, President John was out and about on his three month sabbatical and was unable to do his July column and in its place, I’ll be using a photo potpourri.

The Editor

Another photo of Dave Grosjacques teaching knot tying at the recent Fly Fishing Clinic.

Ron Cremo proudly displays a steelhead taken earlier this year while on a guide trip with Jeff Fox.

At the end of April, Lucky and Russ Leavitt, Dave Grosjacques and Kevin O’Malley went to Belize for a week of fishing. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond their control, this barracuda taken by Kevin was the only fish caught.

Teresa Kasza with a fine looking rainbow that she took last season from the Wood River. Over the last two to three years, Teresa has taken several very large fish out of the Klamath watershed.

ATTENTION!
Board Meeting
The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Taprock Restaurant
The next meeting is scheduled:
July 10th, 6:00pm or the first Tuesday of the month
All members welcome
**Future Programs**

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**Volunteers Needed**

By Dick Butler

As most of you know, the SOFF’ers have, over the past several years, sponsored a Beginning Fly Fishing program at the Domiciliary in White City, through a contractual agreement with Project Healing Waters. This program has been highly successful and has involved classes being offered in the spring and fall each year, culminated by an actual on the water outing for the vets.

After six years of offering this program to the vets, Project Coordinator Dick Butler, Lead Instructor Tony Brauner and Instructor Teresa Kasza have decided to pass the baton on to others at the club who may be interested in taking on this worthwhile program. As such, the SOFF Board is requesting that anyone interested in becoming involved in this program contact Dave Grosjacques.

In order that there is continuity in the changing of the guard as to speak, Project Coordinator Dick Butler will serve in an advisory capacity, until the new volunteers are up to speed on the program. The SOFF will also be looking into the feasibility of jointing with either the Rogue or Klamath Falls clubs to share the responsibility of providing an outstanding program of instruction for the veterans at the Domiciliary.

Dick, Tony and Teresa would again like to thank the club for all their support over the past years and to those

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**WHEN:**

July 20, 2013

**TIMES:**

Social Hour
5:00 PM
Remarks by the President
7:15 PM
Dinner
7:00 PM

**WHERE:**

Wooldridge Winery, 18 Slagle Creek Rd, GP

Annual Winery Dinner

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Picture yourself and others sitting below stately oaks out among the vineyards enjoying the “fruits of the vineyard” as so to speak while the smells of the barbecue wafts over those in attendance. This can be your experience when the SOFF presents its fourth annual summer social “Dinner among the Vines”.

Since the Club is going to be dark for the months of July and August for regular meetings, it was decided that going two months without a meeting was way too long. So a combination July and August social meeting was proposed as a solution to problem.

The winery meeting is going to be held on Saturday, July 20th at the Wooldridge Winery. The time for the meeting will be almost the same as always, with members wanting to arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 and dinner at 7:15. The dinner (barbecued pulled pork and chicken with all the trimmings) will be catered by Morning Wood Barbecue, with dinner costing $18.

There will not be a formal program, and the members can talk fishing or not. The night is for good food, good wine and good camaraderie with a fish tale sprinkled in here and there for good measure. This is the perfect time to bring the wife or significant other to a club event that’s mainly social in nature.

The winery has a covered patio, which will be set up for us. So come on out and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Applegate Valley.

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The By-Laws of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers includes club goals. One of those goals is to provide public education in the art of fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing tactics. With this goal in mind, our club has put on a beginning fly fishing clinic each spring. This spring the clinic was held on Saturday, May 18th at Reinhardt Volunteer Park.

Club members Dave Grosjacques, John Graves, Rich Steed and Bobbie and Larry White were the instructors for the enthusiastic group of 12 participants. Rich was the logistics person, helping with set-up and giving suggestions on gear and tactics. John was the fly guy, spreading out an entire picnic table full of fly boxes and going through the different types of flies and how they work on the water and what they imitate. Bobbie and Larry had 90 minutes or so to take the beginners and show them the basics of casting a fly rod.

It was difficult to cover all that was planned for the 6-hour clinic, as it is every year. Participants did get to learn some fishing knots by watching Dave Grosjacques demonstrating knot tying at the Fly Fishing Clinic.

They got to try the knot with fly line, then tried it with monofilament. The instructors also spent time covering safety on the water, wading gear, and the scale used in fly fishing to describe rods, hooks and leaders. Bobbie and Larry worked their usual magic, getting people who had never picked up a fly rod to the point where they were throwing a nice loop.

Dave G seems to be saying the fish was this big, but in reality he is showing the students how to tie another knot.

It never hurts to advertise and let the public know who we are.

We could tell that the participants were totally into learning as much as they could by the types of questions they asked as we went through the agenda. It was a great day for us and for them. All of the students thanked us for our efforts and for what they learned and vowed to get out on the water and give fly fishing a try in the near future.

Students listening to Dave G as he explains the intricacies of a fly rod.

Bobbi White giving casting instructions at the Fly Fishing Clinic.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Howard Prairie Outing

The heat of the summer can be one of the slower times for fishing here is South-west Oregon. Summer steelhead are arriving in the Rogue, but the fishing is no where near what it will be like in the fall. The low to mid-elevation lakes are warm and the trout are in their summer doldrums. The high elevation lakes and streams can offer some decent trout fishing, but the mosquitoes may eat you alive. Fishing for the smallmouth bass in the Umpqua River can be good, but that is a long drive. One alternative closer to home is the smallmouth bass fishery in Howard Prairie. Howard Prairie produces some very nice-sized smallmouth bass, as well the occasional largemouth bass, and this fishery holds up well all summer long.

Our club outing will be on July 27. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Klum Landing boat ramp at the south end of the lake for a brief orientation. Bring your five to seven-weight rod; floating, intermediate, and sinking lines, and eight to ten-pound tippet. A variety of flies will work, with wooly buggers in olive, brown, black, and white being solid choices. Streamers and damsel and dragonfly imitations can work well also. If conditions are right, surface poppers can be a lot of fun. You can fish from the bank or use a float tube, but a boat will let you cover more water. Don’t forget your lunch, plenty of water, a hat, and sun screen.

For those that want to spend the night, Jackson County Parks Department maintains several campgrounds around the lake. The Howard Prairie Resort has boat rentals, a restaurant, campground, and a few over-night accommodations.

Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced into Howard Prairie, and the members that have been around for a while can tell you they really messed up a great trout fishery; however, as long as they are there, we might as well take advantage of the great fishing opportunity the provide during our “slow season”.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Volunteers Needed Cont. From Pg. 3

Pronghorn Lake Outing

By Russ Leavitt

Pronghorn Lake is approximately a three-hour drive located east and a little south of Klamath Falls. The 150-acre lake was large enough to accommodate 19 SOFF fly fishers without too much congestion and contained very large trout – some well over ten pounds. Redbands, browns, and brook trout are present, although I saw only “triploids”. Also present are a few bluegill, bass, and one pumpkinseed sunfish.

Fishing was good for trout that averaged about 20”. Fish were scattered throughout the lake and usually in about 15 feet of water cruising about 5 feet above the bottom over the weed beds. Intermediate lines were the rule. Most of the anglers caught two to four fish a day whereas a few anglers caught several per day, and Bruce Bochman caught more than his share. Those who arose very early and stayed very late were rewarded, but they were mostly the younglings.

A majority of the fishing was done with 3X tippet – the smallest allowed on the lake. Damsels, dragon fly larva, and various leech patterns all produced reasonably well. A favored fly was a size 10 light green sparsely dressed leech. A black leech probably came in second, but almost any color would produce nearly as well. There were no backswimmers or water boatman to be found. Some folks used chronomids. In the evening there was a substantial hatch of “Tricos”. We watched a few molt from the dun stage to the spinner

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FLY TYING CORNER

Rich Redding’s Freedom

Hook: TMC 202SP Gold, Size 8.
Thread: White 3/0.
Tail: Red & White Duck Quill.
Butt: White Ostrich Herl.
Rib: Gold Oval Tinsel, Size Small.
Body: Royal Blue Floss.
Hackle: Red, White and Blue Saddle Hackle.
Wing: Red & White Duck Quill.

Tying Instructions:

Prepare tail -- 2 barbs red, 2 barbs white, 2 barbs red, married -- one for each side. Prepare wing -- 3 barbs red followed by 3 white, 3 red, 3 white, 3 red, 3 white, married -- one for each side. Start thread one headspace behind the eye, dress to bend, tie tail on top, flared out with tips up. Tie on one white ostrich herl, make 3 wraps forward, and tie off. Tie on gold oval tinsel in front of ostrich on the bottom of the hook, leaving tag to right behind the head. Tie on royal blue floss, also leaving tag to right behind the head. Wrap thread forward to head making a smooth underbody. Now wrap floss forward making a smooth body and tie off. Wrap rib 5 wraps forward and tie off. Tie hackle on bottom as a beard, with blue under white under red, to hook point. Tie the wings on top, wet fly style, flared out with tips up with tip to the mid-point of the tail. Form head and apply head cement.

Don’t know if it will catch a fish but I think it will get their ATTENTION!!!

HAVE A SAFE 4TH

Created and tied by Rich Redding

Membership Form

John Storfold, Fly Tying Chair, Ph. 660-6584, E-mail: steelyjon@q.com
CHANGING LINES

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9-19  Club Meeting - Jon Hazel
9-22  Club Picnic

Bruce Bochman displays a fine Pronghorn rainbow. It seems that Bruce had the fish dialed in and was the top gun for the outing.

At one point I tried a very large, bug-eyed dragon fly nymph and caught a very large big mouthed bass that made the bass at Copeland’s pond look rather average. This was the largest bass I have caught anywhere utilizing any fishing technique. Its length was 21 inches and probably weighed between 7 or 8 pounds. Of course I have no photos and Paul Renaud was too far away to confirm its huge size to skeptics. For me it was a real trophy.

On the last morning Lucky landed 3

Tanya Haight with a nice Pronghorn Lake rainbow and shows that the distaff side can hold their own with their male counterparts.

Joining us for dinner Saturday evening.

This is a superb pay to play lake relatively close to Grants Pass. If interested, type “Pronghorn Lake Ranch” into your search engine to explore how you may best enjoy this resource.

Stage for dinner entertainment. Later that evening there were a few fish rising and gulping the spinner fall.

Dave Haight gets in on the action at the Pronghorn outing with this nice rainbow.

A fish over 20” to make her trip a success. If a Pronghorn Lake outing is arranged for next year, I expect it will be well attended as just about everyone this year had a great time.

We shared a good meal and conversation time and excellent BBQ with owners Mike and Diann Tyrholm who

Fly fishing drift boat made by Larry Westlake. This is one of 80 boats he constructed before he passed away. Truly one of the easiest drift boats I have ever rowed! The guy was a genius with design.

The boat is 16 foot long and drafts about 3-4 inches with 3 people!

Front and rear stanchions. The front stanchion is removable. Dry box under front seat and great storage under bow. Rear seat also has a dry box.

Side pull anchor system, 30# anchor, new rope, custom boat cover, oars.

Wheel bearings repacked last September, comes with spare tire and easy on off, front hitch wheel.

Price $4000.

If interested call Teresa @ 541-324-0485.

Boat For Sale
Over the years, the board has noticed that the general meetings of July and August are the least attended of the year. It was decided that instead of having a general meeting during those months we’d have one special meeting and that was the origin of the annual wine dinner.

The wine dinner has been held the last three years at the Wooldridge winery in the Applegate area and so it will be again this year. We will be meeting at Wooldridge’s on July 20 and instead of a general meeting it will be a social meeting in which fly fishing if talked about at all will be talked about sparsely. This is the perfect time to bring your wife or significant other and just come out for a good barbecue dinner, a little wine and social fellowship.

For the last three years the Morning Wood Barbecue company has been in charge of the meal and might I say that food has been outstanding. These people really know how to get it done right, right down to the homemade ice cream that accompanied the desert. Add a glass or two of Wooldridge’s fabulous wines and you have the ingredients for an outstanding evening.

As this dinner becomes more popular every year, reservations are a must as the facilities are limited in size and can only handle so many. So don’t wait to the last, get those reservations in early.

Also remember that just because we don’t have a general meeting during July and August, the business of the club continues. There are board meetings, club outings, and the newsletter is still published. Speaking of that, have I mentioned lately that as you tour the high points of the countryside with fly rod in hand, this would a great time to pack your camera with you for all those opportunities that you’ll have when a fish, big or small comes to hand and what better way to document and immortalize your catch than with a picture taken and then sent to the editor. I could hardly control myself if a short story were to accompany the photo. Be still my beating heart.

I recently read that Cabela’s is having a fishing contest at 21 lakes across the US with two being in Oregon. The grand prize is a million dollars to the angler catching the specially tagged fish, plus numerous other prizes for other tagged fish. One of the rules stated that you had to photograph the fish and send a copy to them. I would hate to think that a club member would land the winning fish and not have a camera with them to document it. So always take your camera with you and use it.

So enjoy yourselves and have a great summer doing whatever those things are that make you happy. If you’re unable to join us for the wine dinner, you will be missed, but we’ll look forward to seeing you again in September.
Although the fishing wasn’t spectacular at the recent Lava Lake Outing, some SOFF members found the right combination and scored big.

Sonja Nisson proudly displays a 22 inch rainbow taken on a size 16 may-fly from Lava Lake during the recent annual Lava Lake Outing. Besides catching the largest fish of the outing, she wanted to commend Jerry and Sue Keeling for doing a fabulous job of heading up the Saturday night pot luck. Good fish, good food, good company, it doesn’t get much better than that!
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

President John, due to his trip, did not submit his article until after the July issued went to press; consequently, in using his July piece for this issue, there will references to previous events.

The Editor

First of all if the newsletter is a little late this month you can’t blame the editor as his vagabond President was late getting his part to Duane. So to all I apologize. I was not looking at the calendar and then found myself at Lava Lake and there is no internet available. So I blame my poor planning.

Gee is it July already? It is hard to believe that we have been on the road for over 100 days and will finally be home tomorrow, July 1st. Our trip took us around the United States, as far south as Orlando Florida and as far east as Newburyport, Mass., to see my sister and as far north as Watertown, New York. It is all coming to an end and we are coming home to the hottest weather of the year. Something we have been able to avoid throughout our trip.

I found out on this trip that three months is not as long as it sounds. Our major regret is that we had a timeline and date and places to keep. It did not allow us the luxury and flexibility to stay and investigate areas as we came upon them. We had many reservations and dates to meet and when we had our break downs that took multiple days out of our agenda we had to press on and even bypass places such as the Grand Canyon, limit the three days we had planned in New Orleans to one evening. We totally eliminated our southwardly swing coming east that took St Louis out of the trip. We had to limit our time in Montana but still managed to have some great days on the river fishing.

As I am writing this article, I am at our outing at Lava Lake. You will get more information and pictures next month from our hosting host Jerry Keeling, but we all had a good time with friends and good food however the fishing was really spotty with very few success stories. But that is why they call it fishing and not catching isn’t it?

Now here is the scoop on the Missouri river trip which was outstanding. We arrived at Craig, Montana, at the head waters of the Missouri. As you took the exit, there were three fly shops, two restaurants, a small campground and the bridge over the Missouri. Until a couple of years ago, my thoughts of the Missouri were of a wide and Muddy River flowing north and south through the Midwest. I can assure you this was one of the most pristine waters I have had the fortune to see and fish. Craig is located below the last of three dams that act like a big filter for the river waters and create a river that is very clear with a perfect ph level for the bugs and the fish. This area of the Missouri has a reported 6,000 fish per mile.

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We met the guide, Nick, who happens to have a degree in marine biology, at the shop at 8 AM and we discussed the trip. We were going to float about 10 miles of water from near the last dam above Craig down to a takeout point past the shop.

We were in the water about 5 minutes before Marc was into the first fish. It was about 18 inches and very well fed and put up a worthy fight. As the day progressed with great success, I can remember teasing the guide when we went 15 minutes without a fish. Needless to say the whole day was loaded with great healthy fish and we lost count and estimate that the two of us caught conservatively, well over 70 fish. The smallest was about 16 inches and the largest was 20. Marc out fished me considerably, but I did get the biggest by maybe a quarter of an inch. I had to have something to brag about.

The next morning we were going out with Mark Raiser, the co-owner of the Headhunters Fly Shop. This time we were going to fish a different section of the river. We were fishing down river and the fishing was a little differ-

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WHEN: No Meeting

TIMES:

Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo.
6:00 PM
7:00 PM
Meeting
7:30 PM
Dinner and Program

WHERE:

Taprock Event Center
955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

President's Message Cont. From Pg. 2

The morning started slower than the day before. We spent a lot of time fishing close to the bank where the browns resided and we were not disappointed. We caught browns and rainbows and I learned quite a bit about my own fishing. We hooked a few that decided they wanted nothing to do with us and ran up river and broke us off. Mark and us were fairly sure they were some pretty good size browns that got the better of us. Again we lost count of the fish we caught but I don’t feel I am exaggerating to say we landed over 50 fish. We had two great days with Headhunters and want to thank them again for the contribution to our auction last year.

I know that the Missouri will be a fishery that I will revisit. I had a blast!

I am not looking forward to having to unpack the rig when I get home, but all things must come to an end. I am glad to be back home; just not to upper 90 degree weather.

Until next month, I wish you tight lines.

President John making the rounds greeting the attendees at the wine dinner.

The winery itself has a rustic appearance that is enhanced by the many types of flowers surrounding it. It provides the perfect ambience for sipping a glass of wine.
The 2013 SOFF Lava Lake outing offered fun, food and fishing for friends and family. The weather was near perfect, albeit a little warm for some. Fish were caught in many places; Fall River, Upper Deschutes River, Lava Lake, Little Lava Lake, etc. Some were small (8”) while others were large (22+”). Some were Brookies, some were Rainbows, others were dazzling flashes of brilliance as they leapt skyward from their earthly bounds, twisting and shaking until they were once again free.

The pot luck table laden with goodies.

Our Saturday night dinner was a feast of barbequed beef and homemade chili along with many side dishes and desserts from club members.

For those who could not make it this year, make sure to put it on your calendar for next June. You do not want to miss all the fun, food, friends, and of course fishing.

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Discussing the day’s fishing after dinner.
D avid Haight will lead a joint outing for the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Flyfishers to Fourmile Lake the weekend of August 17-18.

Fourmile Lake is a beautiful, crystal-clear lake on east side of Mount McLoughlin. With a maximum depth of 170 feet and an elevation of 5744 feet, the lake’s water stays cool, and the fishing can hold up well during the summer. The lake is heavily stocked with rainbow trout, many over 15 inches, which produces good fishing. Fourmile Lake also contains lake trout, kokanee, and brook trout. The lake trout do not tend to be very large, but seem to be easier to catch then they are in other lakes. Consequently, Fourmile Lake may be best place in Oregon to catch a lake trout on a fly.

To get to Fourmile Lake, turn north off Hwy 140 onto Forest Road 3661, then follow this gravel about seven miles to lake. There is a Forest Service campground at the lake. There is no boat ramp, but boats that don’t require the trailer to be submerged deeply can be launched off the shallow beach near the campground.

We will meet at the boat launch area at 9:00 AM Saturday for a brief discussion about fishing the lake, and then spend the rest of the day fishing. Several of us plan to spend the night in the Forest Service campground and fish Sunday as well. Club members can come up for just the day or join us for the weekend.

Fourmile Lake can be fished effectively from the bank. Float tubes or pontoon boats will work, but given the size of the lake and that the wind can come up, boats are the best way to access the water. Six-weight rods are a good choice for the fishing conditions typically encountered at the lake. You should be prepared to fish a variety of depths, so bring floating, intermediate, and fast sinking lines. As is common in many high-elevation lakes, the trout in Fourmile Lake tend to be opportunistic feeders; thus, a variety of patterns will work. Typical lake patterns like woolly buggers, leeches, Carey Specials, damsel nymphs, and callabaetis nymphs work well for the rainbows. Since lake trout prey on other fish, they can be targeted with streamers; however, they will also take the same flies used to target the rainbows. Fourmile Lake is known for an abundance of mosquitoes, but they should be thinning out by mid-August. Still, it would be a good idea to bring repellent. You should also remember sunscreen.

Fourmile Lake is often overlooked by fly anglers in the Rogue Valley. Given the great fishing it can provide throughout the summer and into the fall, and its close proximity to the valley, more fly fishers should give it a try.

David Haight, Outings Chair

The Booby Fly Cont. From Pg. 6

on this fly are just under ¼ inch in diameter. Tie in the eyes using a figure eight pattern. Don’t get your first ties too tight as you can cut through the foam with the thread. Tie in the marabou just behind the eyes and wrap back to the bend of the hook. I always put at least one wrap under the tail to limit it getting tangled in the hook. The ending tail should be hook shank length. Tie in about two strands of Flashabou on each side of the hook. Prepare the estaz by stripping the end down to the core and tie in the two different colors of estaz. Twist them to make a rope and then wrap forward, combing the fibers back after each turn until you are at the eyes. Tie in and secure with a few half hitches or whip finish. Finish with some head cement to help keep the eyes in place.

NOTES: I am anxious to try this on our lakes. If you want more information please just Google (booby fly patterns). You will find article by Phil Rawley, and Tony Bishop who also has a book out and others with actual youtube videos demonstrating tying their version of the booby. Remember the booby is a style of fly not a specific combination of colors or material. The particular colors I chose were to approximate a fly that I found on Phil Rawley and Brian Chan’s website. The booby tubes are actually for sale in the UK over the internet, but are harder to find here in the states. I used some closed cell foam and cut the cylinder and made it as round as I could. It was time consuming. If you can find cylinders, you will save yourself some major time. I first got interested in this method reading an article a while back in the “Fly Tyers” magazine. There are many patterns that you can tie using this same principle from small nymphs, to damselflies and beyond that I found in different articles. The only limitation is your imagination. You can find articles also discussing slight variations on fishing techniques. I have not used the fly yet, however I am intrigued by the concept and once I read the article discussing the technique I was wondering why I had not thought of it. Maybe that is why I am not a professional guide and writer.

Good luck and tight lines!

Fly Tyed By John Storfold

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This month’s fly is different in how it reacts and how it is fished from most of the flies most of us have in our fly box. The Booby Fly was first tied and named in England by Gordon Fraser over 30 years ago. The Booby is a simple pattern to tie but the action created by the marabou tail and the buoyant eye act as an attractant. According to literature I have read, the wobble created by the eyes and the extra movement by the marabou created during the retrieve draws aggressive strikes. This fly is fished with a sinking line and a fairly short leader. You allow the sinking line to sink then rest and retrieve alternating you retrieve from the old wrist twist to 10 -12 inch strips.

**Tying Note:** (according to Phil Rawley) Tie the Booby in a variety of colors. Try alternate materials for the body including Tri-Lobal hackle, chenille, dubbing or peacock herl.

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS:**
Put the hook in the vise and dress the hook shaft. Make your eyes out of booby cylinders length equal to the shank length. If you don’t have access to that you can cut them out of some other closed cell foam. Tony Bishop, told me he uses the soles of flip flops and cuts them out using an old car antenna cut in sections. Because the antenna is tapered, it will give you a tool that can cut different sizes for different fly size. The other way is old fashioned sizzers and tediously cutting until you have round cylinders. Either way you want to round off the end just like most of the weighted dumb bell eyes are shaped. The eyes

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**FLY TYING CORNER**

**The Booby Fly**

- **Hook:** Standard Nymph Hook sized to match your targeted fish.
- **Thread:** 6/0 Color to Match the Fly.
- **Tail:** Marabou Color to Match the Fly.
- **Body:** Crystal Chenille or Estaz (I used Kelly Green and Pearl/Red Twisted Together).
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town. Big winner of the afternoon was Dave Russell who scored three times including the Gary Anderson Rod.

Dave Russell a three time raffle winner including the Gary Anderson rod at the wine dinner.

All in all, I think everyone had a good time and are ready to come back next year, if for nothing else than KC’s cobbler and homemade ice cream. Speaking of next year, the date for the dinner is July 19, 2014. Make sure you circle that date so that you don’t miss out on the fifth annual winery dinner.

Since is a fly fishing newsletter, I'll end my piece with this fly fishing quote – “Nothing grows faster than a fish from when it first bites until it gets away” (Anonymous).

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**SOFF Club Picnic**

Club members mark your calendar for the annual SOFF Picnic set for Sunday, September 22nd, 2013. We will be at the same location – the Harry and David Pavilion at the Reinhart Volunteer Park (All Sports Park). This is a great time to share some unverifiable summer fishing stories with friends.

We will again provide space for those who wish to sell/swap their no longer needed fly fishing/fly tying gear. Just bring what you wish to sell to the picnic. You can set up beginning at 12:00 noon. Make sure to bring a table or blanket to set up your gear.

Also, Bobbie and Larry White have again volunteered to be the casting instructors – THANK YOU! They will offer casting tips for any member at no charge. Their instruction will begin at 12:00 noon. Both Larry and Bobbie are certified casting instructors with a wealth of knowledge and skills and an ease of presentation (pun intended).

The picnic will begin at 1:00pm with SOFF providing barbecued Tri-Tip and Chicken, sodas and water. Those with the last name beginning with A-M please bring a side dish/salad, and those with the last name beginning with N-Z please bring a dessert. The cost for the picnic is $5.00 per person. After the picnic we will have a drawing for some special prizes and a Gary Anderson custom fly rod. Then we will move to the casting pond where Rich Steed will oversee the casting games (hint – pick up some pointers from Larry and Bobbie at the casting clinic).

So, mark your calendar for an afternoon of food and fun with friends.

Please sign up for the picnic at the September dinner meeting or email Jerry and Sue Keeling at *jerrykeeling@msn.com*. Please include your name and the number of people attending.

Thanks and see you at the picnic.

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**Boat For Sale**

Fly fishing drift boat made by Larry Westlake. This is one of 80 boats he constructed before he passed away. Truly one of the easiest drift boats I have ever rowed! The guy was a genius with design.

The boat is 16 foot long and drafts about 3-4 inches with 3 people!

Front and rear stanchions. The front stanchion is removable. Dry box under front seat and great storage under bow. Rear seat also has a dry box.

Side pull anchor system, 30# anchor, new rope, custom boat cover, oars.

Wheel bearings repacked last September, comes with spare tire and easy on off, front hitch wheel.

Price $4000.

If interested call Teresa @ 541-324-0485.
Well the party is over. What party you may ask? The fourth annual SOFF Winery Dinner is the party that I am referring to. Once again we met at the Wooldridge winery in the Applegate for wine, food and conversation. I will admit that there was an abundance of excellent wine, an overflowing table of barbecue and yes there even was some great conversation mostly of a non fishing nature. That’s the beauty of this event; it is a party and not just another club meeting where fly fishing is first and foremost the main topic of the evening. This was the perfect venue to bring the wife or significant other to and sort of make it a date night held in the late afternoon.

From the humble beginning four years ago when only a few members attended, to this year when there were almost 60 people in attendance, the winery dinner continues to grow. It was interesting to note that a good portion of them were not even club members, but friends of members who were attracted to the ambience of wine and barbecue held in a rustic location and as such the event continues to grow each year.

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August and September are the months to find big fish in the Williamson River as attested to by some recent catches by SOFF members.

Gary Shontz took advantage of the big fish months of August and September on the Williamson River and booked a guide trip with Marlon Rampy for the beginning of August. The result, was this fine 28 inch, 8 pound rainbow that he took while floating with Rampy. Shontz's fishing partner for the day, Rich Hosley, witnessed the catch.
FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

The summer is coming to an end and we are eagerly awaiting our first general meeting. As we get back in the saddle, we have a very busy month.

We start the month with the Agness half pounder outing, September 14 and 15th. And according to the fish counts at Gold Beach, this should be a very good one.

Moving forward we have our meeting on the 19th with a great speaker. We have one of the premier spey guru’s that we have been trying to get for a while, John Hazel. He and his wife Amy own and operate the Deschutes Angler Fly Shop and Guide Service located in Maupin, Oregon. John was a pioneer in the use of two-handed Spey rods. When Sage built their first two-handed rod, John was instrumental in helping them with the design of the rod JHC. He is the most experienced and most sought after guide service on the JHC. He is the most experienced and helping them with the design of the rod JHC. He is the most experienced and helping them with the design of the rod JHC.

On the 21st our own Gary Anderson is hosting his annual “Two Hands at TouVelle”. Gary has amassed an outstanding list of presenters who between them have all the answers to two-handed casting and fishing. Gary has some of the biggest names in spey fishing for the event. Just some of them are John Hazel, Jeff Putnam from Sacramento; and Craig Neilsen, from Shasta Trout; both prior guest speakers at the club, just to name a few. There are a host of others but those are listed in the flyer in this month’s newsletter. I would urge you all to attend. Even if you are a seasoned two hand owner, a novice or even just want to know more about spey casting and fishing, I guarantee you will have a great time. I have been attending for a few years and I learn something new each year. The show and lunch are free, and knowledge is PRICELESS!

We are not done. On the 22nd we have the Club’s annual picnic with great food, free casting lessons, a chance to swap or purchase others fishing items, the casting games, and last but not the least, camaraderie.

If that is not enough, I talked to Josh White at the Rogue Fly Shop and the steelhead are in. According to Josh the number counts at Gold Beach are already above the norm for the whole year. While I was in the shop I overheard a fellow fly fisher reporting mixed results fishing in the upper Rogue. So with our upcoming outings, Agnes half-pounder, middle Rogue Steelhead, and upper Rogue Coho and steelhead, it is time, if you have not already, to dust off the steelhead equipment and head to the river. Check your equipment, rods, reels, line, and those ever important waders and let’s hit the water.

On a different note, what a summer it has been with the fires and all. I don’t know how bad the smoke was at your house but it got so bad at mine that there were days I just spent in the house. I just want to mention that I, as I am sure many of you are extremely thankful for the selfless efforts of the volunteers that man the rescue and volunteer fire departments as well as the professional fire fighters who risk their lives so we can be safe. I just want to publicly thank them. If you see one, let them know that they are appreciated as they are there to do a job and are not out for glory. I’m sure they would love to know that we don’t take them for granted.

Not to seem too dyslexic, but I am going to move on to another subject. I have been reading quite a few tying articles lately and although I am an infant in fly fishing years, it is apparent that you never know it all. There is always something new out there. I just learned about using a sinking line with a floating fly; I know it is not new, however it is new to me. Another example of something new to me was the “Boobie fly” I put in last month’s newsletter. Every time I see a guest speaker, every time I go to a fly tying meeting or attend a fly casting class or just some guys getting together to share their skills, I always seem to learn something new. This is one of the reasons I have joined fly fishing clubs. I feel that this club and what we are doing is fostering that type of environment that provides growth as well as what you are looking for in a fly fishing club. I know that there is always room for improvement and we will continue striving towards that goal. If you have ideas please contact me or one of your board members.

Ok now, let’s go fishing.

SOFF HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

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fter 6 years and 12 series of classes our Project Healing Waters team is stepping down. Words seem so inadequate to thank Dick Butler, Tony Brauner and Teresa Kasza for their selfless hours helping our vets in needs and giving them the skills to start a new hobby to focus on. Course curriculum has already been summarized by many of you are extremely thankful for the selfless efforts of the volunteers that man the rescue and volunteer fire departments as well as the professional fire fighters who risk their lives so we can be safe. I just want to publicly thank them. If you see one, let them know that they are appreciated as they are there to do a job and are not out for glory. I’m sure they would love to know that we don’t take them for granted.

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John Hazel lives and works on the Deschutes River in Maupin, Oregon. He owns and operates Deschutes Angler Fly Shop and the guide service, John Hazel & Company. John, his wife Amy, and the select group of guides they employ, guide the entire 100 miles of the lower Deschutes as well as the John Day River and dozens of private trophy trout lakes. Their outfitting service offers fly anglers day trips and overnight camp trips for trout and steelhead.

John is a third generation Oregonian who was taught to fly fish by his grandfather on the Deschutes River in the late 1950s. He has been guiding the Deschutes full time since 1978. John has been featured in several Spey casting instructional DVDs as well as the acclaimed fly fishing film, Drift. The fly shop and outfitting business keeps John busy year-round, but he occasionally finds some free time to travel to the tropics in pursuit of Tarpon and Permit. Upland bird hunting is a passion John shares with his scruffy Wirehaired Pointing Griffons. When not hunting or fishing, John enjoys relaxing with Amy on their ranch where they often entertain good friends and family.

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CASTING ABOUT

Two Hands @ Tou Velle
A Gathering of Spey Anglers on the Rogue River

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 9 am – 3 pm
Tou Velle State Recreation Site, Rogue River, White City, Oregon

Presentations

Charles Gehr – Fishing Guide, Fly Water Travel
John Hazel – Northwest Spey Casting Pioneer, Deschutes Anglers Fly Shop Owner
Jon Hazlett – Steelhead Fly Fishing Guide
Whitney Gould – Steelhead Fly Fishing Guide, 3 Times Women’s Spey O Rama Winner
Mike McCune - A Real Skagit Master
Craig Nielsen - Guide and Switch Rod Expert
Jeff Putnam - FFF Certified Two-Hand Instructor

Demonstrations and Factory Reps

Gary Anderson – Anderson Custom Rods
Bruce S. Berry – Beulah Rods, Hatch Reels
Steve Godshall - Fly Line Guru, Rod Designer
Eric Johnson – Sage Rods, Rio Lines, Reddington Representative
Dennis P. Lee - Steelhead and Salmon Fly Tier
Eric Neufeld - Simms Representative
Jim Zech, Garry Sandstrom – Hardy/Greys Representatives

Special Anderson Custom Rod closeout - one-of-a-kind, proto, and demo rods!
Jeff Putnam Rogue River Spey School – see jpflyfishing.com for details!

Free Lunch! Spend the day, Try out equipment, Learn from experts
$5.00 Oregon State Park Entry Fee or Annual Pass

Local Accommodations

Hotel - Comfort Inn North, 2280 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504 Interstate 5 and 4 miles from Tou Velle
Camping - Valley of the Rogue State Park off Highway 5 north of Gold Hill.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Agness Halfpounder Outing Sept. 14-15

The Rogue is one of only a few rivers that support a unique run of young steelhead, called halfpounders, that return to the river after spending only a few months in the ocean. These 12 to 16-inch fish spend the fall and winter in the river before returning to the ocean again prior to their first spawning run. Halfpounders are great gamefish. They eagerly take flies and fight like crazy once hooked. When the fish are in, the action can be fast.

We will head to Agness for our outing September 14 and 15 to fish for these miniature steelhead. With one of the best halfpounder runs in recent years, this outing should be a good one. We will meet at the Cougar Lane Restaurant in Agness (located on the south side of the Rogue River a short distance above the mouth of the Illinois River) for breakfast at 7:00 AM. Those that don’t want to eat should arrive by 8:00. After a short discussion about equipment, flies, techniques, and locations; we will head to various access points along the river. There is a lot of good bank access in the Agness area, as well as several good drifts for those with boats.

Agness is normally a two-hour drive from Grants Pass over the Bear Camp Road; however, as of this writing, that road is closed due to the fire. This means we will have to go around through Gold Beach. The longer drive will make spending a night or two a good option. There are Forest Service Campgrounds at Quosatana Creek and Foster Bar, the Agness RV Park (541-247-2813, www.agnessrv.com) is next door to Cougar Lane, and rooms are available at Cougar Lane (541-247-7233) as well as several other lodges in the area. A good selection of motels and restaurants are available 28 miles downstream in Gold Beach as well.

A six-weight rod with a floating line is ideal for halfpounders. Swinging traditional steelhead flies through runs and tailouts works well. Good patterns include Golden Demon, Del Cooper, Skunk, Silver Hilton, Burlap, Brindle Bug, Tiger Paw, Golden Rogue, and Red Ant, all in Size 8 or 10. Nymphing is productive as well, even during the middle of the day. Hare’s Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Copper John, Bloody Mary, Glimmer Nymph, and Flashback Nymph in size 10 or 12 are good choices. Chinook salmon will be in the river as well, so you may also want to bring along a heavier outfit.

You can contact me at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net or 541-855-9043 with questions. Any changes due to the fire will be posted on the website.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Help Wanted Cont. From Pg. 3

Heads up! We are in need of a financial secretary to manage the club’s business. If you are interested in helping with the Project Healing Waters or the secretary position or would like some more information about the positions, please contact me or one of the SOFF Board Member.

Thanks for taking the time to read this important message.

John Storfold
steelvjon@a.com
541-660-6584.

SOFF Club Picnic

Club members mark your calendar for the annual SOFF Picnic set for Sunday, September 22nd, 2013. We will be at the same location – the Harry and David Pavilion at the Reinhart Volunteer Park (All Sports Park). This is a great time to share some unverifiable summer fishing stories with friends.

We will again provide space for those who wish to sell/swaps their no longer needed fly fishing/fly tying gear. Just bring what you wish to sell to the picnic. You can set up beginning at 12:00 noon. Make sure to bring a table or blanket to set up your gear.

Also, Bobbie and Larry White have again volunteered to be the casting instructors – THANK YOU! They will offer casting tips for any member at no charge. Their instruction will begin at 12:00 noon. Both Larry and Bobbie are certified casting instructors with a wealth of knowledge and skills and an ease of presentation (pun intended).

The picnic will begin at 1:00pm with SOFF providing barbecued Tri-Tip and Chicken, sodas and water.

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2013 Outings

| Oct 19 | Middle Rogue Steelhead |
| Nov. 16 | Upper Rogue Coho, Steelhead & Trout |
| Jan. 1 | Holy Water Chili Feed |
| Jan. 18 | TBA |
| Feb. 22 | TBA |
FLY TYING CORNER

Pyramid Lake Tadpole (Purple)

Hook: #10 Tiemco 2499 SP-BL Straight Eye Curved Hook (I tied this fly on a #12 TMC 2457.)
Thread: Black 140 Denier UTC Ultra Thread (I used black 6/0.)
Tail: Black Marabou.
Body: Purple Estaz Chenille.

Note: I did not have all the materials listed in this “Shoreline Success” article in this April May 2012 issue of Fly Fisherman magazine by Landon Mayer. So I did what most of us do, SUBSTITUTE.

The items in parenthesis in the recipe are the actual material I used.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

First, de-barb (my personal choice) and dress the hook with thread back to just above the barb. Tie in your black marabou for the tail. The ending tail should be equal to the length of the hook. I tie it in from about the middle of the hook and wrap back to the tie in point just above the barb. Now I tie in the foam. I cut a “V” in the foam to help tie in without too much bulk. Again I place the tip of the V at the mid hook point and tie back to just in front of the tail. Then we tie in the estaz and wrap forward leaving adequate head space and tie off. Bring the foam over the back and secure just behind the eye leaving approximately a ¼ inch of material from the tie in point behind the eye. Make a one or two loose wraps then snug the foam down. Now make a couple wraps between the foam and the eye of the hook. I finish with a couple double half hitches with a half hitch tool to get under the foam. You can finish with head cement.

This fly, like last months booby fly, is fished with sinking line as a suspended fly off the bottom. If you wondering why I chose a Pyramid lake fly, I am going there in October. However I am sure this fly tied in this or other colors will work on many lakes in our area. I plan to test that theory.

Fly Tied By: John Storfold

John Storfold     Fly Tying Chair     Ph. 660-6584     E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

Membership Form

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

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□ Lifetime (Couple)......................$450.00
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and slowly strip your fly back in. This is the way we would be fishing the rest of the day. Oh yeah one more thing, as we were stripping in our lines, Teresa continually reminded us to ‘think like the leech, be the leech’, strip in small strips, pause and allow the line to sink and start again. We were to do whatever we thought that a leech would do. I can tell you this, before the end of the day, I was getting to the point that I could learn to really dislike the leech!

Throughout the day, we saw many fish jumping, some of which were massive in size. In looking at the water I could see some large mayflies coming off. I thought that those fish might have been rising for those flies, but was told by Teresa that the fish were probably jumping because they were newly arrived from the lake and were trying to rid themselves of the parasites they had picked up in the lake. It’s too bad, because I would have liked to tempt one of those giants on a dry fly.

The fishing was a pick here and there nothing really hot. The biggest fish either one of us caught probably measured no more than 18 inches. When the day ended, Kevin had landed five and I had four. We both lost several hooked fish and missed several strikes. I guess that is why it’s called fishing and not catching.

By the afternoon, my casting that had been pretty good in the morning had degenerated from fatigue to one not worthy of the newest beginner. The continued casting and stripping in against the current had taken it toll on my right arm. It got to a point where I was continually flexing my arm to get some life back into it. It was at this time that I hooked and landed a nice fish despite my arm. Just to show you that we are all some sort of masochists, just as soon as the fish was unhooked and released, I was back casting sore arm and all waiting for that next strike.

I did learn one thing and that is as I get older the aches and pains of age seem to rear their ugly heads sooner with each passing year. In order to thwart them, my new strategy is to take a couple of ibuprofen before I get on the water, some while on the water and couple as soon as I get off, topped off by two fingers of my favorite adult beverage. I still may have the pain, but who the heck cares!

Although I didn’t land any giants, I have some photos from club members showing some huge fish that they landed, so I know that they are there. I guess that I’ll have to come out more than once every three years if I have any hope of nailing one of those guys. Speaking of that – Teresa do you any cancellations, I’m ready to go again!

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Those with the last name beginning with A-M please bring a side dish/salad, and those with the last name beginning with N-Z please bring a dessert. The cost for the picnic is $5.00 per person. After the picnic we will have a drawing for some special prizes and a Gary Anderson custom fly rod. Then we will move to the casting pond where Rich Steed will oversee the casting games (hint – pick up some pointers from Larry and Bobbie at the casting clinic).

So, mark your calendar for an afternoon of food and fun with friends.

Please sign up for the picnic at the...
After three years, I finally got to fish the Williamson River again. It seems that each year something always comes up that prevents me from going. It would have been four years if not for the fact that Teresa Kasza had a fortuitous cancellation and asked if I wished to take the opening. As I had procrastinated yet again and hadn't booked a trip, I jumped at the chance.

A few days before the trip, I had occasion to be at the fly shop. Teresa happened to be working there and we discussed the upcoming trip. By coincidence, Kevin O'Malley happened to come in and asked Teresa if she had an opening. She told him that there was space available on my float trip and with that Kevin was in and we both looked forward to the following Tuesday and fishing the Williamson.

From my house to Chiloquin it's only a total of 79 miles, an easy our hour and a half run, but I wanted to be fresh when I faced the Williamson, so I elected to stay at Melita's motel. In retrospect, that may have been a mistake. Teresa had told me that Melita's was spartan but clean. She was right that it was spartan as there was no air-conditioning, no workable television, just a bed, a shower and a toilet. As far as it being clean, the jury still out on that one.

We met Teresa after breakfast, loaded our equipment in her car and took off for the put in at Chiloquin. We arrived to find Marlon Rampy and Josh White already there and in the process of launching their boats. After their boats were in, it was Teresa's turn. She launched her boat and we were off as the other two guides were still waiting for their clients. Unfortunately, it was at this time that I discovered that I had left my camera back in my car. After preaching to the choir over these many years about remembering to bring their cameras, I forgot mine; fortunately, Teresa had hers and said I could use it whenever I needed one.

Just above the launching point, there are three houses, a white house a blue house and a brown house that correspond to three popular holes. In fact, it was at one of these holes that I caught my all time biggest rainbow of some 7 1/2 pounds. Instead of going up there, Teresa said that the fish that had been holding there had moved on and that we were going downstream to try and intercept new fish coming from Klamath Lake.

She set both Kevin and I up with an intermediate sinking line and a leech pattern. The drill would be to cast out as far as you could, wait until the line straightened out in the current then put your rod tip in the water...
The Williamson River continues to be counted on to produce some really big ‘hogs’ as attested to by some recent catches made by SOFF members.

Bruce Bockman proudly displays a giant rainbow taken from the Williamson River last August. The fish, measured 31 inches with an estimated weight of 12 lbs plus, was taken on a Hal Jansen’s size 10 black marabou leech. The event was witnessed and photographed by Bockman’s fishing partner Ron Vecchio.
FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by
John Storfold

The most important thing on our horizon is our annual auction on November 9th which is only six weeks away, and we need your help. Without the generous donations of our commercial contributors and those of you who donate to our silent and oral auction it would and could not be the success that it has been in the past. That being said it is time to ask that you look around for those items that are still serviceable and could be donated and repurposed by the lucky bidders. With your help this year’s auction can continue to be great. Please contact any of your board members or those on the auction committee and we will make arrangements to get your donations. Anyone wanting to tie flies for the auction and needs a fly box contact me or Jerry Keeling and we will ensure you get what you need. We will also have boxes at the meeting on October 17th. Feel free to bring your donations to the meeting or contact any or the committee members or board members.

Auction committee members are: John Storfold, Chuck Rund, Ed Morphis, Sonja Nisson, Chuck Czuk. Their contact information will be in your directory.

We had a great turn out for the meeting in September. For those of you who were not at the meeting this month you missed out on a very energetic, informative and entertaining presentation from John Hazel who talked about fishing the Deschutes and the John Day Rivers for steelhead. I am sure there was not anyone sleeping through this one. I don’t know about you, but this program really got my steelhead juices flowing. We have our annual middle Rogue steelhead outing on the 19th of October and then in November we have our Upper Rogue Coho outing. I personally am off to the Deschutes for some steelhead fishing for a few days.

We love having a great showing and don’t want folks to be afraid to show up late but if you are expecting dinner we do need you to make reservations. We have to guarantee so many for dinner and seeing it is catered and they prepare for the number that we give them on Tuesdays before the meeting it makes it difficult to adjust for too many more than those that have already made reservations. Thanks for your understanding.

Sunday, September 22nd was our annual picnic and Mother Nature dealt us some GREAT weather for the picnic. We had a good showing even with the threatening weather at the start of the day. The side dishes were great and I am still loosening my belt. I hope that everyone that came out had as great a time as I did.

Just to keep you informed the casting pond at Reinhart Volunteer Park is being repaired. Duro Last Roofing is donating a liner and the city park services is helping with the replacement of the old liner that was leaking and would not hold water for more than about a day. The repairs have slowed due to a death in the family of the key person with the parks services. When the repairs are complete, we plan to schedule a rededication of the pond. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

It is also the time of year when we start looking for members to join the board. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a member of the board in the best club I have ever been privileged to belong, please let me or any other board member know, even if you just have questions. One officer position we are specifically looking for and have not had anyone step forward yet, is the office of Secretary which is crucially important in documenting the actions of the

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ATTENTION!
Board Meeting
The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Taprock Restaurant
The next meeting is scheduled: Oct. 8th, 6:00pm or the first Tuesday of the month
All members welcome
### Programs

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**WHEN:**

- **WHEN:** October 17th
- **TIMES:**
  - Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo. 6:00 PM
  - Meeting 7:00 PM
  - Dinner and Program 7:30 PM
- **WHERE:** Taprock Event Center
  - 955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

### President's Message Cont. From Pg. 2

board. Feel free to contact me or anyone of your board members if you are interested or just have some questions. Officer terms are one year and start in January.

I hope you are having a great year. The steelhead are in the river, so get a line wet and let us know how you did. Share a picture with our editor, Duane Chebul.

### Two Hands Continued From Pg. 7

ing at some outstanding prices. Like a moth to the flame, I flitted through the stack of rods looking at each one trying to decide if one of these rods was calling my name. I finally found a 12 foot, 6 weight that might fit the bill. I took the rod over to Gary and asked what he thought and he said,"that rod is you"! Since that rod was me, I had to have it. So now I am the proud owner of a spey rod.

I must not have been alone in taking to heart what John Hazel had said as there were probably 6 or 7 other SOFF’ers that took advantage of Gary’s sale and took a rod home with them. A new rod and a brat, does it get any better than that?

I had occasion to see Gary Anderson a few days after the event and he said that he had sold over 30 rods at the clinic to the estimated crowd of over 100 people in attendance. Gary indicated that he sold more rods and that there were more people in attendance then at any other previous 'Two Hands @ Tou Velle event.

### At my upcoming fly club presentation, you will see how I combine a lifetime of fly fishing photography and a lifetime of serious fly fishing.

at my upcoming fly club presentation, you will see how I combine a lifetime of fly fishing photography and a lifetime of serious fly fishing. I sold my first fly fishing photo when I was 16. That was 40 years ago! In that time I was been very busy trying to fish and photo as many interesting places as possible. My angling travels have taken me to distant destinations like Tonga, Bikini Atoll, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Kashmir, England, Brazil, Nicaragua and many more. As much as I like trips to the Bahamas, Belize, the Yucatan, etc, I am just as much a home water fisherman. Near my home in Powell Butte, near Prineville, I enjoy the Deschutes, the Crooked, the John Day and many lakes in Central Oregon.

I have enjoyed a nice working relationship with many fly fishing magazines, plus Outdoor Life, Field & Stream, Outside Magazine and many tackle catalogs, books and websites.

Speaking of websites, my current project is Catch Magazine, a free, photo and video driven on-line fly fishing magazine. Catch Magazine is at www.catchmagazine.net and with Todd Moen, we produce a fly fishing visual experience I know you will enjoy. Some people call it their Virtual Vacation.

I hope you can come to the fly club and see my presentation. I will select my favorite photos and share a couple stories. See you there.
CASTING ABOUT

The Club Picnic Retrospective

By Jerry Keeling

The 2013 SOFF annual picnic has come and gone and can be considered a wonderful success! With the weather being iffy at best, still over 40 members attended. Those that were there were enjoyed lots of fun, friends and food. I’m sure the fishing stories abounded with Tom Beverage taking top honors for one of the largest Rainbow Trout caught this past summer (among those in attendance) of 27 ½ inches – caught on the Wood River.

We had many side dishes and desserts, along with the Tri-tip and chicken, marinated overnight – delicious.

Thanks go to John Storfold and Tom Beverage for cooking, Jeanie Steed for taking the money, Ed for doing the raffle (Vera Edwards won the Anderson rod), Rich Steed for doing the casting games, Duane Chebul for taking pictures, and a special thanks to Bobbie and Larry White for again offering their knowledge of casting for the casting clinic (it was so good to see so many people with rod in hand getting one-on-one instruction).

Probably the reason so many people were getting casting pointers by the Whites was because of the ever popular casting games that took place after lunch. Among the top finishers in both the men and women’s categories, almost all of them had been coached by the Whites before the event. Can you say hands on coaching helps? Those winners included Lucky Leavitt, who took first place in both the accuracy and distance events. Other winners included Jan Knapik Joe Knapik, Russ Leavitt and Greg Carratt.

We also want to thank the club members that came early to help out, and those who stayed late to help put things away. We really appreciate the way our club members are so willing to share their time and talents.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Middle Rogue Steelhead Outing - October 19th

On Saturday October 19, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will host an outing to the Rogue River near Grants Pass to fish for summer steelhead. October is the prime time to fish for steelhead on the middle Rogue. The fall Chinook are spawning, and the steelhead can be found in pockets and troughs below the spawning salmon feeding on stray salmon eggs and nymphs that are dislodged by the salmon’s activities. This is usually a great outing, and many new club members have caught their first steelhead during this outing.

There are a number of good locations in the Grants Pass area for bank anglers to access the river, and several good drifts for those with boats. A six to eight-weight rod or light Spey rod with a floating line will work well. Since the steelhead will be actively feeding on eggs and nymphs, flies imitating these items are among the most productive. Effective patterns include Globugs, Hare’s Ears, Pheasant Tails, Prince Nymphs, Copper Johns, Ice Nymphs, and Stonefly Nymphs. The flies should be lightly weighted or weight should be attached to the leader to help get the flies down near the bottom. For those that prefer a more traditional approach, swinging steelhead patterns can be productive as well.

This outing is always popular with our new members, and it would be great if they all had the opportunity to join us on a float down the river. I encourage members with driftboats to come to the outing and take some of these new folks down the river and share with them your knowledge about the Rogue River and its steelhead.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact David Haight.

David Haight, Outings Chair

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Hal Jansen’s Marabou Leech

Hook: TMC 300, Sizes 4-8.
Thread: Black
Tail: Black Marabou.
Carapace: Black Thread.
Wing: Black Marabou.

FLY TYING CORNER

Tying Instructions:

Flies don’t need to be complex or difficult to tie in order to be very effective fishing flies. This one is an excellent example. This is the same fly that our own Bruce Bochman used to catch a huge fish on the Williamson. I believe it was 12 pounds. So here is the simple but effective instructions.

Dress the hook with your thread. Then tie in a bunch of marabou in the middle, then another bunch near the head. Some tyers like to add a few strands of Krystal Flash, Flashabou, or some similar material to give the fly just a bit of flash. Whip finish and apply head cement (personal choice) and lets go fishing.

Obviously this is not THE fly but a replica, just like the one you can tie in minutes. I am only re-emphasizing that effective flies can be easy to tie. You can also see a fuller version at http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/fly-pattern-recipe/wet/marabouleech.shtml.

Fly Tied By: John Storfold

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Rainbow to net. Buck did his best to net the fish, but due to the angle he was sitting at and lack of strength in his shoulders because of his reconstructive surgeries, the fish flopped out of the net a couple of times. I guided the fish back to the net a third time. This time Buck lifted the handle of the net and I grabbed the base of the net and lifted the giant into the boat.

I removed the fly from the fish while keeping the fish in the water and gave my camera to Buck and said “take my picture”. After a few seconds of trying without any success, I took the camera from him only to note that my batteries were dead. I revived the fish and released it without any photo documentation.

I might never have mentioned that on back to back trips I either forgot or didn’t check my camera before hand after continually preaching to the choir the need to bring a camera and photograph their fish. The only reason I’ve come clean as to speak is that Buck said that he would “snitch me off” if I didn’t confess.

So there you have it, at times I don’t practice what I preach. Now that’s my story and I’m stuck with it!

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**Two Hands @ Tou Velle**

*By The Editor*

The day dawned cold and grey and I wondered if I had made a mistake in telling club member Jay Prouty that I would accompany him to Gary Anderson’s ‘Two Hands at Tou Velle’ soirée at Tou Velle State Park. It rained almost all the way there, reinforcing my earlier trepidations. Fortunately, the rain stopped a few minutes after we arrived and we got down to some serious spey rod presentation watching.

Buck Woodburn was also seduced by the siren’s cry and took home a Gary Anderson Rod.

After listening to a couple of speakers, I wander over to a covered pavilion where Anderson as well as several other vendors had their wares displayed.

While there I noticed that there was an area where a couple of dozen rods were displayed. I found out that these were Anderson’s rods and were last year’s models, prototypes, and demonstrators that he was closing out and sell-

Gary Andeson with a rack of rods.

If you were at the September dinner meeting you would have heard John Hazel who was the guest speaker. To say that he was an energetic speaker is an understatement, but I digress. One of the things that he mentioned was that a lot of his clients were old and I thought – I’m old. A lot of his clients when wading take little shuffling steps and use a wading staff and I thought – that sounds like me. Lastly he said his older clients wade no further that their ankles to their knees – holy gosh, that’s me. His remedy to all of those short comings was to invest in a spey rod and learn how to use it – ergo problems solved.

Jay Prouty and Nick Merrill at Tou Velle. Nick was also able to take home an Anderson Rod that called his name.

Although Ray McClenathan and John Storfold didn’t purchase a rod, they both worked up an appetite checking out the rods and listening to the presenters.

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The fickle finger of fate strikes at the most inopportune times! You can quote me on that.

If you remember, last month I related how I and Kevin O’Malley were on a drift trip with Teresa Kasza over on the Williamson River and just as we were pulling away from the ‘put in point’, I suddenly remembered that I had forgotten my camera in the car. Teresa volunteered the use of her camera in the event either one of us caught a fish that compared with Bruce Bockman’s (see front page of this newsletter); still I would have preferred my own camera. As it was, she did take a couple of photos of Kevin and me, not to record any mammoth fish, rather to document that at least we both caught a fish.

Now fast forward to this month. By some happenstance I was at the Rogue Fly Shop the same time as Buck Woodburn. As do most conversations when local fly fishers gather there was the talk of what was happening in the river. Josh White joined in and somehow the conversation got onto the topic of boats. It was during this time that I learned that Buck had a Boston Whaler boat and I mentioned that I would like to own such a boat. Well one thing led to another and Buck asked me to join him on an outing to Hyatt Lake the following week. Unfortunately for me, I was tied up and asked for a rain check.

Two weeks later, Buck called and asked again if I was still interested in joining him for a trip to Hyatt and this time I jumped at the chance. I met up with Buck and we drove to Hyatt. At the lake we loaded our equipment into his boat and took off. Before we left, however, I made a point of taking my camera with me. Buck, noticing that I had my camera, advised how he had also brought his along as he didn’t want to be accused by the editor of not having his camera should the need arise for it. Since I had mine, he would leave his in the car.

Being that I had never been to Hyatt before, Buck took me on a tour of the lake. He explained how during the summer the lake is drawn down for water delivery purposes and was down to a little over 60% capacity at this time. With the water being that low, I noticed many snags just below the surface just waiting to take out the bottom of some unsuspecting boater.

After the tour, we got down to fishing. Over the course of the next two to three hours I managed to hook and land three bass in the 7”, 9” and 10” range. Finally, another hour went by when I had a strike that darn near jerked the rod from my hand. After a magnificent battle, I brought a 21”

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Members and guests of the SOFF’s will be exhorted and encouraged by Wayne Liska to bid high at the club’s annual fund raising auction.

Club member and auctioneer extraordinaire Wayne Liska will once again be at the helm when the bidding starts for the club’s annual fund raising auction. Liska known for his ability to cajole, to exhort and to encourage auction participants to continue bidding higher will again rise to the task as he auctions off a host of items.
FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

Here we are and it is now November. Where has the year gone? I can remember not too long ago thinking I had all the time in the world before the auction and now here we are just two weeks (as of the writing of this article) until the auction. Just the other day I was asked if it was too late to donate and the answer is “it is never too late” however, we would appreciate the donations the sooner is always better. We are still in need of many items for the silent auction and the oral auction. I will be sending out a preview of the items on the auction block for your entertainment in the next few days. This is the time to think about getting together with your buddies and bidding on those trips or the wine pairing dinner at the Taprock for six people as an example. Here is the schedule of events for the evening.

5:00 to 6:30 PM  Silent Auction
6:30 to 7:00 PM  Business portion of the evening with a few announcements
7:00 to 7:45 PM  Dinner is served
7:45 PM          Oral Auction

Note: these times are approximate.

We would like all reservations to be in by Thursday, November 7th by 2:30 PM.

We are looking forward to a great evening with Liska Auctioneers putting on a great evening of fun and raising a few bucks for our great club. There should be plenty of items for everyone to bid on including a bucket raffle with the silent auction that was very successful last year.

Here is a preview of what will be available for your bidding just to whet your appetite. This is not a complete list of what will be available but just to give you a preview of what is to come:

Getaways: Tu Tu Ton lodge at Gold Beach; Applegate River Lodge; Morrison’s River Lodge; Best Western Inn At Face Rock

Fishing Trips: Williamson, Wood, Umpqua, Grande Rhonde, Rogue, and Applegate Rivers and a four day, three night trip down the wild and scenic Rogue.

Fishing equipment: Single and two handed rods, reels, fly tying vice and more

Women’s apparel.

Hopefully this has perked your interest.

HELP WANTED: We will need some help setting up the morning of the Auction, November 9th at 10 AM. Last year it only took us about 2 hours to complete the set up and get everyone out early enough to enjoy the rest of the day. We will meet at the Taprock event center at 10 AM. If you can help, please let us know. You can email or call me or any of the auction committee members; Sonja Nisson, Ed Morphis, Chuck Rund, Dale Heath, or myself, John Storfold. Our contact info is in the directory.

We had great weather for our October outing on the Rogue. The fishing was great, however the catching was a little on the slow side. I believe David Haight caught a nice one just below the Caveman Bridge. All had a good time on the water and we able to share the day with great company. Ray McClennon and I went out with Teresa Kasza on Monday and hooked three and Ray landed a nice 25 inch (hatchery hen that weighed in at 6 lbs, all before 9 AM. We also learned a lot about how to fish some water that I wouldn’t have considered fishing before without Teresa’s help. I want to thank her for a great day on the river.

This week reminds me that we should all have a check list of what to bring with us, such as their wading staffs and floatation devices. I was lucky enough that Teresa was prepared for us forgetful clients and had an extra wading staff in the boat as I left mine in Ray’s Truck. As most of you have experienced, the Rogue has some slippery rocks, but it was dark when we unloaded from Ray’s truck and that is my story, and I am sticking to it. We can’t take ourselves too serious and if we can’t laugh at ourselves then we better just stay home.

As you remember last month’s program covered fishing on the Deschutes and I got inspired and a last minute trip cancellation allowed Ray and me to go on a three day float down the Deschutes from Trout Creek to Maupin. This was the first week in October and the weather had just turned great again. Other than having to knock the ice off my boots in the morning and realizing my sleeping bag was a few degrees cooler than I would like, everything was good. We caught quite a few red sides and although the catching was slow, we were not skunked. We also caught some nice steelhead. I was very lucky and my fly was in the right spot at the right time to catch my largest steelhead in the lower 48 states.

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ATTENTION!
Board Meeting
The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Taprock Restaurant

The next meeting is scheduled: Nov. 6th, 6:00pm or the first Wednesday of the month
All members welcome
President’s Message Cont. From Pg. 2

The fish, a beautiful 31 incher, came to hand after a extended trip into my backing. I landed this beautiful specimen, a native hen, that after a brief Kodak moment swam away to thrill another angler in the future.

The election of members for the 2014 board of directors is just around the corner and we are seriously looking for new folks to carry the torch. If you or anyone you know is interested please let us know.

Pontoon Boat For Sale

Boat and Motor $300  (attached Photo)

Fishing Cat pontoon boat with 2 - 8' pontoons, air pump, oars, anchor.
Minn Kota 765 MX, 36lb. thrust motor setup to push the Fishing Cat.
Steering and speed by remote control on the right or left side of the seat.
I have enjoyed the boat but we are moving and the boat can’t go this time.

Don Turnbaugh
Phone: 541- 659 - 9643
I have been to the annual meeting of the federation before, and it is a wonderful experience, but this time was different, as I wanted to attend the Fly Tying Group’s board of governors’ meeting, and attend the FTG’s Rendezvous (a lunch, fly swap, large raffle, and games). I had also accepted the invitation to tie flies in the expo. Nevertheless, it was a sixteen hour drive and expensive, what with fuel, lodging, tickets, etc. Besides that, it was later this year, and might be cool. Oh, well, this might be the last opportunity I will have to do it. So, off I go to West Yellowstone.

Tuesday (Sept. 24) was the BOG meeting and the Rendezvous, where I got to see the inner workings of the Federation and visit with people I had not seen in years, also got acquainted with new people from all over, that I enjoy knowing, and met more at the reception that evening. The next day was totally free for me, and I was planning to fish, but, alas, it was rainy and cold, so, I visited, tied flies from the “mystery materials” for the contest, and, in the evening, attended the awards banquet.

Then comes Thursday, my day to demonstrate fly tying. The invitation asked for first and second preference of times to tie, and if I wanted to tie more than one session. I gave my preferences and said “No” to tying more than half a day. They gave me both periods, tying all day, from 9 A.M-5 P.M! “What am I thinking? What am I doing here among well known and award winning fly tiers? I don’t belong here! What arrogance to think I have anything to offer in this show!” Then I meet the guy on the right of me, a guy like me, from the area, so maybe it will be okay. Then I look to the left and, oh, oh, it is Bill Heckel, the 2003 Buz Buszek award winner (is there a more prestigious award for a fly tier?), who has been teaching fly tying for 50 years. He is going to laugh at anything I say, any advice I give!

However, I never knew how he might have responded to what he heard, as I couldn’t pay attention to anything but my tying and the people in front of me for the next 4-3/4 hours. Then, at 1:45, I had a chance to go get a takeout sandwich to eat at the vise, and the activity continued, although not always as hectic. I finally got away about 6:00 P.M., after Tom and Sharon Morris came by and sprung me loose for dinner.

What a great time I had! Those who know me, know that I specialize in tying dry flies, talking about how to tie them, and how to fish them. Apparently, there is more interest in this in the nation as a whole than there is in the northwest, as I was busier than I usually am at the Northwest Fly Fishing Expo. It was gratifying to know that a lot of people were interested in the common, unspectacular information I have to offer, as well as the expert tying of renowned tiers. I got acquainted with people from every section of the nation, and from other nations. What a marvelous experience!

If you can, yet have never been to the IFFF Fly Fishing Fair (that’s the I6F!), you are missing a great opportunity, and I would urge you to plan for it next year. The place for the fair next year is Livingston, MT., and I am not sure of the date, but it has traditionally been scheduled on the turn from July to August. I believe this year’s date was changed due to a conflict with the city of West Yellowstone. Those who attend normally include part of the trip as a fly fishing vacation, so go a little early, or stay over after. There are meetings of officers, casters, fly tying group, classes of various sorts throughout the week, and the exhibition hall with fly tying demonstrations, etc. is open Thursday through Saturday.

Livingston is the location of the IFFF headquarters, and the fly fishing museum, which has been recently reorganized and improved. There are also many other non-fishing opportunities; tours and activities for the whole family.

If you are not a member of the IFFF, I urge you to join. If you are interested in joining or have questions, be sure and talk to me about it or visit http://www.fedflyfishers.org. The Federation (which started in Eugene, 1965) and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on a regional, national and international level.
OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

November Outing, Upper Rogue Coho

Coho salmon are very popular sport fish throughout most of their range; however, they receive little attention here in the Rogue River. That is unfortunate because they offer outstanding sport for fly anglers. When conditions are right, if you fish the right type of water with the right techniques, coho fishing here in the Rogue can be great.

If you are interested in giving coho fishing a try, come to the club outing on Saturday, November 16. We will meet at Casey State Park at 8:00 AM, where we will discuss the equipment, techniques, and locations to catch coho on the Rogue River. We will then spread out along the river to see if we can find a few coho. There are several productive pools with good bank access along the upper Rogue, so a boat is not necessary; however, those with boats may want to bring them since they will allow access to more water.

An eight-weight outfit is ideal; however, seven to ten weight rods will work. Shooting heads from intermediate to fast sinking, depending on water depth and flow, work very well for this type of fishing, but you can get by with sink-tip lines and weighted flies. Bring 10 to 12 pound leaders and some bright, flashy flies. Comets, marabou streamers, eggsucking leeches, Clouser minnows, and flash flies are popular patterns; however, big, bright steelhead patterns in sizes 1 through 4 will work fine. Pink and purple are especially good colors for coho.

Bring the food and drinks you want for the day, as well as waders and the usual fishing accessories.

In addition to the coho, the upper Rogue still offers decent fishing for summer steelhead in November, and a mid-day hatch of blue-winged olives usually brings the trout to the surface.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact David Haight at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Beginning Fly Tying Class

By Dale Heath

Beginning Fly Tying Class starts January 8, 2014, and continues every Wednesday evening, for 10 weeks, from 7 PM to 9 PM, through March 12. The course is open to the public through the Grants Pass Department of Parks and Recreation, but we would urge SOFF members who are interested to sign up early.

Grants Pass High School provides a room for the class with large TV monitors so the student will see an enlarged picture of the fly while the teacher is tying the fly and the student will be able to compare it to the one they are actually tying.

If you have ever said to yourself, “I would like to learn how to tie flies”, now is the time to take action. We have a great staff of helpers who will help you learn while you practice the fly tying processes: Kevin Daniels, Cathy Hamilton, Rich Redding, John Storfold, Dave Grosjacques, Craig Ingram, and others.
Fly Tying Corner

Volcano Popsicle by John Graves

Hook: Mustad Steelhead Size 2-8.
Thread: Orange.
Tail: Flashabou Silver or Your Choice and Orange Marabou.
Back Body: Orange Chenille 3-4 Turns for the Front Half.
Back Hackle: Orange Marabou 3-4 Turns.
Front Body: Orange Chenille 3-4 Turns.
Front Hackle: Red Marabou 3 Turns.
Wing: Pheasant Rump Red (Note: Pick Out a Feather that will go Back About Half Way Over the Marabou).

Tying Instructions:

Above the barb, Tie in Flashabou.
Add in marabou Tail The Flashabou should extend about a hook shank length behind the bend of the hook and be a little longer than the Marabou tail.
Then tie in orange chenille starting between the barb and the point of the hook. Make 3 turns, wrapping forward, and tie off and cut.
Just in front of the chenille, tie in the marabou and make 3 turns wrapping forward (note: as you are wrapping marabou stroking the feather back in front of each wrap will help ).
Tie in another piece of orange chenille and make 3-4 turns and cut.
Tie in some Red Marabou and make 3 turns and tie off.
Lay Pheasant Rump Flat over the top and tie in.
Whip finish and head cement is up to the tier.

We want to thank John Graves for a great fly especially during the steelhead season.

Fly Tied By: John Graves

John Storfold    Fly Tying Chair    Ph. 660-6584    E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

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1-8  Board Meeting.

Editor’s Notebook Cont. From Pg. 8

So think about this long and hard; are there things you’d like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what’s true and real
And always try to understand the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we’ve never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So when your eulogy is being read with your life’s actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your Dash?

“The dash” of one’s life is what their life is all about. This not only refers to your relatives and friends, but to you yourself. One day someone may be asking about the dash that you left behind.

Getting to know what that dash means while the relative or friend is alive or sharing your dash is far better than hearing about it at a memorial service.

Hopefully, as time marches forward, we all can put a little more emphasis on seeking out the meaning of the dashes when interacting with relatives and friends. If we are able to do that, we’ll all end up being the beneficiaries of those dashes. I would rather know for myself the feelings and aspirations of my sister-in-law and if Janette’s Hosley’s bread was really that good, her corvette that fast while they were alive rather than someone telling me about it after they passed.

The Upper Sac.

By Russ Leavitt

Lucky and I fished the Upper Sacramento 15 Oct. By trial and mostly error we found some good water. Looking upstream we could see Castle Crags and Mt. Shasta. I can’t imagine a more beautiful setting in which to fish.

The Oct. Caddis began depositing eggs about 3:00 PM. This fish was taken in the late afternoon. I caught 5 or 6 fish and this was the largest. It was an excellent (AKA - awesome) day for those of us who love pocket water.

Beginning Fly Tying Cont. From Pg. 5

Dale Heath, the head instructor at the Beginning Fly Tying Class.

We could use another helper or two, so if you are interested see Dale Heath.

There are 20 spaces available, and in the past these have filled up quickly. So, if you want to learn to tie flies, don’t hesitate, see the Parks and Recreation at the Welcome Center on the corner of 6th and G St. to sign up. Then let your friends, relatives, and co-workers know about the class.

We have rotary fly tying vises available to loan, but you’ll need to bring your own tools.

Some of the students from last year’s class.

The cost is only $25, which covers the cost of materials. The number to call for information is: 541-471-6435. The address of Parks and Recreation to sign up is: 198 SW 6th St., Grants Pass. Any questions? Call or email Dale Heath 541-973-3490 deheath504@gmail.com
It has been several years since I attended a funeral or memorial service for relative or friend and in the space of three months, I have attended two of them. The first one was for my sister-in-law and the other was for club member Janette Hosley.

I remember the memorial service for my sister-in-law. There were family members that talked about her childhood and younger years. While others talked about her as she grew up. Then there were her friends and co-workers who reminisced about the days they all worked together. And finally there was my brother who spoke on his relationship with her.

As I listened to each speaker, it became painfully evident that for the almost twenty-five years that I knew her, in essence I really didn’t know her at all. This lady was part of my extended family, yet in all reality she was a stranger. I knew her superficially as a family member, while knowledge of her as a child, co-worker and wife and mother was non-existent.

So it was when I recently attended the memorial service for Janette Hosley. Janette, who I knew only casually through her husband Rich and the club functions that she attended, could be considered barely an acquaintance so I wouldn’t have occasion to know her very well; still as I heard her life and beliefs being highlighted by her children and friends, I couldn’t help but thinking that how sad it was that my knowledge of her was only a mere snapshot of one small aspect of her life.

So it is with many of us. Besides our spouses and maybe a ‘best friend’ do we really know that much about our other relatives and friends, and even our children?

I once read a poem by Linda Ellis which kind of fits in with my topic and I’d like to share it with you.

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all was the Dash between those years.

For that Dash represents all the time that she spent alive on Earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash,

What matter is how we live and love and how we spend our Dash.

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Tis the season when that jolly elf from the north pays his annual visit to SOFF’ers with a bag loaded with goodies for the fly fisher.

After checking his list will Santa find that new spey rod, or reel, or waders per chance just waiting to go under your Christmas tree? Let’s hope!
FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by
John Storfold

W ell here we are and it is almost Christmas. The Auction was a great success and hopefully everyone that attended had a great time. The food was great and there was plenty to bid on. This event could not happen without the tireless efforts of those who helped with the auction, Chuck Rund, Sonja Nisson, Ed Morphis, Dale Heath, Tom Brandes, and Rich Hosley.

We had a host of contributors who generously gave either, cash, product or services. But without the generosity of those bidding the event would be all for naught. So I want to thank all those folks for making this year’s event a success.

We will finish the year with our December program and with the end of the year and Christmas on the horizon and the spirit of giving we will be donating all the proceeds from our raffle to “Casting for Recovery”. We also have an interesting program in store from the Western River Conservancy. Dave Hamilton will be wowing us with his fly tying expertise during the social hour. We will also be presenting the annual awards for Member of the year, Volunteer of the year, and the President’s award. In case anyone is wondering the Fly Tyer of the year will be presented at the SOFF Fly Tyer’s Expo Dinner in April. And no, I am not letting the cat out of the bag. You will just have to come to the meeting to find out who we have chosen to recognize for their efforts in helping your club to be this great club throughout the year.

This month also comes with the nomination of club board members. We are still looking for someone to take on the responsibility of the Board Secretary. If you are or anyone you know is interested please let anyone of our current board members know.

Looking ahead to the New Year we have some great speakers coming but I know the Ray McClenathan has asked but I will echo his request for suggestions regarding speakers. The primary reason is to bring in folks that are both entertaining and can supply our members with information concerning our sport or the environment. Feel free to give those suggestions directly to Ray. His contact information is in the directory.

The other activities that the club provides the members are our outings. David Haight does a tremendous job of providing outings that are integral to our sport, but he also needs our help with suggestions on new venues. If anyone knows a particular water and would like to host an outing there, please contact David and advise him. If you are willing but just not sure how to go about it, we will help you. Any questions just contact David or me. Again his contact information is in the directory.

From what I heard, the outing on the upper Rogue was a success in that the fishing was good but the catching was a little slow. The weather was good and all had a good time and learned a little more about the river and where to fish.

With the New Year around the corner, we take the time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. The board does their best to reach out to the membership and glean new ideas for our programs and outings and the general business of the club. But in order to best serve you, our members, we need your inputs and suggestions. In the meantime we will do our best at looking into the crystal ball as we go forward.

I am setting my goals for the New Year and what I would like to do and accomplish. First on the list is taking my bride of 43 years on a cruise to Alaska for 7 days; taking that trip to Florida to see my grandson graduate from high school; taking a trip to California to help my daughter when she has surgery on her foot. On a more selfish note I plan to get in a little more fishing but don’t have a specific agenda other than to fish the Applegate more this year in February and March. Also I am planning to go to California and fish with my brother-in-law at Lake Manzanita in Lassen Park. The rest of the year is a blank canvas with the only limitation is my imagination. What are your plans for the year? I hope they bring you fun and happiness.

As I finish my final article for the year, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Special Raffle
By Rich Hosley

T here will be a special raffle at our January meeting. Participation will be limited to those members who have paid their 2014 membership dues. The winner will receive one of Gary Anderson’s custom fly rods. In order to be able to participate, your dues must be paid prior to January 1, 2014. If you mail your check to the club PO box, it must be postmarked January 1 or earlier.

ATTENTION! Board Meeting
The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the Taprock Restaurant
The next meeting is scheduled: Dec. 4th, 6:00pm or the first Wednesday of the month
All members welcome

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**Future Programs**

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**WHEN:**
December 19th

**TIMES:**
6:00 PM
Social Hour and Fly Tying Demo.
7:00 PM
Meeting
7:30 PM
Dinner and Program

**WHERE:**
Taprock Event Center
955 S.E. 7th St. G.P.

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**Special Raffle Cont. From Pg. 2**

This raffle has been approved by the club’s board of directors as motivation for the membership to pay their dues in a timely manner. Unfortunately, we cannot include the fifty-five life members in this raffle. While your commitment to our club is significant and appreciated, we are focusing on those members whose membership status requires a yearly renewal.

Article II, Section 3 of the club’s by-laws reads: **All dues shall be due and payable prior to January 1 of each year.**

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**Pontoon Boat For Sale**

Boat and Motor $300  (attached Photo)
Fishing Cat pontoon boat with 2 - 8’ pontoons, air pump, oars, anchor.
Minn Kota 765 MX, 36lb. thrust motor setup to push the Fishing Cat.
Steering and speed by remote control on the right or left side of the seat.
I have enjoyed the boat but we are moving and the boat can’t go this time.

Don Turnbaugh
Phone: 541- 659 - 9643

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Jim Cox, Director of Donor Relations for Western Rivers Conservancy will make a presentation entitled “Sometimes To Save A River You Have To Buy It” to the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers the evening of Thursday, December 19. Since 1988, WRC has been working to protect lands on 62 rivers in seven western states.

The presentation will focus on how WRC purchases riverlands across the West to protect and conserve vital river ecosystems and to provide compatible public access. The presentation will include some stunning photography of past and current projects including work on some of the most iconic fly fishing rivers across the West including the Yampa in Colorado, Washington’s Hoh River, California’s Klamath River and Oregon’s John Day, Elk and Sandy Rivers. For more information contact Jim Cox at 503-241-0151/jcox@westernrivers.org.
The annual SOFF Auction is now over and what an auction it was. There had to be something for everyone to bid on in either the silent or oral auctions and bid you did. When the dust settled at the end of the evening the club had grossed a little over $19,000 in the silent, the oral and the bucket raffle. The club members and guest attending the event are to be congratulated for generously supporting the club.

If you want to know what they were bidding on, you would only have to see what was available. For instance, the silent auction room was loaded with various and sundry items some related to flyfishing and some that were not. There were boxes of flies, fly boxes, fly tying equipment, books, equipment bags and the list went on. For the ladies that were in attendance and who were not fly fishers, there were a wide variety of clothing, art work, pottery and other miscellaneous items available for their bidding.

The big money maker of the evening as always is the oral auction and this auction was not the exception as it contained over 65 items for bid. There were rods, reels, boxes of wine, clothing, art works, clothing, fly tying equipment, guided trips and a few trips that had nothing to do with fishing and many other things the last of which was an 8 foot pram.

As this is biggest event of the year for the club, all the stops were pulled. A special dinner was requested and the Event Center was up to the task. The 100 or more attendees were treated to a table loaded with hors d’oeuvres, after which dinner of steak and lobster was served and enhanced by wine service at each table. Added to this was a rich chocolate dessert and coffee and the bidders were ready to go.

Wayne Liska as he always does is a master in extracting the last dollar on any item up for bid and this evening was no exception. He cajoled, wheedled and pried top dollar for all the items up for bid. The only complaints that were heard were from those bidders that stopped one bid short of winning the items.

The Board of Directors want to take this opportunity to thank not only those people that bid on the items, but also to those people who donated either the item itself or the cash necessary to purchase the item. Without these people one bid short of winning the items.

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OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

New Year’s Day Chili Feed

On New Year’s Day, members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Flyfishers will meet at the Holy Water to celebrate the joys of fly fishing and to enjoy good food and great company. This annual event was started over 20 years ago; thus, has become one of our club’s longest-running traditions.

We will meet at the picnic shelter near the parking lot on the south side of the Holy Water. The fire should be going by 10 AM, and the chili will be served about noon. There will be opportunities to fish both before and after we eat.

We need volunteers to make pots of chili, and a person or two to bring some firewood. Others can help out by bringing cornbread, salads, desserts, or other items to share. The clubs will provide hot drinks and table service. The last several years, only a few people have brought chili. This left us with limited portions, and we did not enjoy the variety we have in past years. The Rogue Flyfishers are proposing a chili contest to encourage more people to bring batches of their favorite recipe. Please consider bringing a batch.

Fishing has been pretty good at the Holy Water lately for people drifting midge patterns under an indicator. Stripping or drifting small marabou leeches, woolly buggers, or nymphs along the bottom can also be productive during the colder months. If the weather and flows cooperate, we could even have a blue-winged olive or midge hatch. If you are going to fish, remember to get your 2014 fishing license.

The Holy Water Chili Feed is a great way to celebrate New Year’s Day. If you haven’t tried it, come on out. We always have a great time. You might even catch your first fish of 2014.

David Haight, Outing Chair

Just a reminder if you’re planning on fishing at this outing a 2014 license is required. Either ask Santa for the new license or if all else fails go out and buy one before the outing.

The Editor

Auction Recap Cont. From Pg. 4

Beginning Fly Tying Class

By Dale Heath

Beginning Fly Tying Class starts January 8, 2014, and continues every Wednesday evening, for 10 weeks, from 7 PM to 9 PM, through March 12. The course is open to the public through the Grants Pass Department of Parks and Recreation, but we would urge SOFF members who are interested to sign up early.

Grants Pass High School provides a room for the class with large TV monitors so the student will see an enlarged picture of the fly while the teacher is tying the fly and the student will be able to compare it to the one they are actually tying.

If you have ever said to yourself, “I would like to learn how to tie flies”, now is the time to take action. We have a great staff of helpers who will help you learn while you practice the fly tying processes: Kevin Daniels, Cathy Hamilton, Rich Redding, John Storfold, Dave Grosjacques, Craig Ingram, and others.

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2014 Outings

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FLY TYING CORNER

Vernille Caddis

Hook: #14, 16 or 18 Standard or Egg.
Abdomen: Tan or Brown Ultra-Chenille.
Wing: Fox Squirrel Tail or Wing Material.
Hackle: Brown, Ginger, Badgerf, Variant.

I have never liked tying caddis flies. I always had trouble with the most popular Elk Hair Caddis. It floats well, but might be on its nose, side, tail, or if trimmed well, in an upright attitude. There are ways of tying it that are better than others, but none, I think, good, especially on smaller hooks. And where I fish most, there are millions of micro caddis.

The Henryville Special/Hemmingway is pretty good for larger sizes if you use artificial wings. The Goddard Caddis is pretty effective, durable and floats well, but you have to enjoy stacking and trimming hair to tie it. I pretty much stopped tying caddis. Then, Bob Roberts showed me an Vernille caddis pattern that is easy to tie, and floats with a very natural look. He heated the cut end of the Vernille just enough to round it off and seal it, then cut a small section, tied it on at mid-shank on a size 16 hook. Next, he tied on a clump of elk hair to simulate wings, and finally, hackle and head.

I used fox squirrel tail for the elk hair, to eliminate the flare, so the wing lies flat. I also find that the artificial winging material sheets work well. The caddis I commonly see on the stream range from light tan to dark brown, so materials should be adjusted to match the hatch. They also vary in size from one inch to almost gnat size. You may notice antennae in the photo. That is because I simply tie down a couple of hackle barbs on top of the head. That’s easy to do anyway. I had great success with this last summer, even when I used no Vernille, only squirrel tail and hackle.

“TIE IT, YOU’LL LIKE IT!”

Fly Tied By: Ed Morphis

John Storfold             Fly Tying Chair           Ph. 660-6584            E-mail: steelyjon@q.com

Membership Form

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

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

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: _________ Zip: ______
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Personal interests: ____________________________________________________

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Editor’s Notebook Cont. From Pg. 8

around and headed back to the house
and when they passed the man again
they stopped momentarily and saw that
he was down on knees tearing through
the bag and ravishing the contents. Al-
though only a lane away, the man never
stopped rummaging through the bag
or acknowledging them in any way.

That night when dinner was ready,
we gathered around the table and gave
thanks for all the blessings that we have
enjoyed over the past year. I couldn’t
help to reflect on the actions that my
son and his family had displayed ear-
lier. They chose to share some of their
blessings with a person who appeared
to be fresh out of blessings and I as a
cynical individual chose rather to ig-
nore and shun him.

Was there a lesson to be learned
here? How about ‘there by the grace of
God, goes I’ as a starter or ‘judge not
less ye be judged’ as a follow up.

At any rate, I was proud of my son
and his family for showing his old man
the meaning of compassion and that
the sharing of even the smallest slice
of one’s blessing can bring comfort to
even the most downtrodden. After all
isn’t that what the spirit of Thanksgiv-
ing is all about?

SOFF Habitat Projects
Volunteers - Needed!
By Dave Grosjacques

The Southern Oregon Fly
Fishers will be helping the
Stream Restoration Alliance
of the Middle Rogue and the Oregon
Department of Fish and Wildlife with
two projects in the month of December.
One of the stated purposes of our club
is to assist local agencies with projects
that improve fish runs and fish habitat.
The projects will give our club members
a chance to volunteer to help improve
fish habitat.

The first project is a riparian plant-
ing at the site of the Tokay Canal Dam
removal and channel modification. The
project was completed this fall and we
will be helping the SRA plant native
trees and shrubs. The planting will be
done on Saturday, December 14th. We
will meet at the Colvin Oil parking lot
at the corner of Foothill and Jones Creek
roads at 9 AM and carpool to the plant-
ing site from there. We will work until
about noon, and the SRA will provide
coffee and donuts.

The second project is our annual
fish toss on Taylor Creek near Galice.
The salmon carcasses thrown into the
creek help provide vital nutrients for ju-
venile steelhead and salmon rearing in
the stream. We will meet at the Galice
Community Center on Tuesday, Decem-
ber 17th at 10 AM. We should be finished
by about 1PM.

For both projects, volunteers should
bring gloves and wear work or mud
boots. Please email SOFF habitat chair
Dave Grosjacques (dasa29@msn.com)
if you have questions or need direc-
tions.

Beginning Fly Tying Cont. From Pg. 5

The cost is only $25, which covers
the cost of materials. The number to
call for information is: 541-471-6435.
The address of Parks and Recreation to
sign up is: 198 SW 6th St., Grants Pass.
Any questions? Call or email Dale
Heath 541-973-3490 deheath504@
gmail.com

Some of the students from last year’s
class.

Dale Heath, the head instructor at the
Beginning Fly Tying Class.

We could use another helper or
two, so if you are interested see Dale
Heath.

There are 20 spaces available, and
in the past these have filled up quickly.
So, if you want to learn to tie flies, don’t
hesitate, see the Parks and Recreation
at the Welcome Center on the corner of
6th and G St. to sign up. Then let your
friends, relatives, and co-workers know
about the class.

We have rotary fly tying vises
available to loan, but you’ll need to
bring your own tools.
I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving holiday, one surround by family and friends giving thanks for the blessings that we have experienced over the past year.

In my particular case, I journeyed up to Eugene where my son and his family had rented a house to be able to celebrate the holiday not only with me, but also his daughter who is a student at the U of O.

While the Thanksgiving dinner was cooking, the family took a walk down the long private road to the highway. Along the way, all the granddaughters, along with my son and his wife had their cell phones out snapping pictures of this or that and then stopping to compare their photos with accompanying guffaws and laughs as any family acting a little silly might do.

After a half hour or so we finally reached the highway where among other things, we observed this hobo with all his worldly possessions strapped to his back trudging down the highway. This person was dirty, unkempt and wearing clothing and shoes that were obviously too large for him.

As I watched this individual, my initial reaction was to move away from the road and distance myself from him. As he passed by the private road, he stopped and my red flag of caution was raised. At this point I was far enough away that I couldn’t hear the conversation between him and my son, but when my son called out and asked me the distance to a nearby town I knew that the man had asked directions and when I replied that the town that he had inquired about was some 40 miles down the road, the man merely shook his head and continued trudging down the road.

As we walked back to the house, the conversation centered on the hobo. What had caused him to become what he was? Was it drugs, alcohol, mental illness or combination of factors that lead to his current homelessness?

By the time we reached the house, my thoughts turned to football and the anticipation of the big dinner that was to come, but not so with my son and his family. They worried that as darkness was falling and the temperature was dropping, what would happen to the man they had seen on the road?

A hastily prepared care package of food and some cash was made and then my son and his wife drove down to the road to see if they could find the hobo.

They didn’t have to go very far to find the man. They stopped and handed the bag of food to him and he mumbled a thank you to them. They drove down the highway, turned