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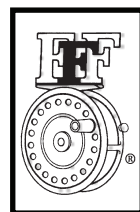


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Visit their web site www.kokaneekarnival.org

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Want to be part of the action?

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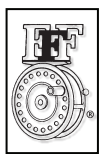


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2010 Expo Committee Meeting

January 24, 2010

ORCFFF Council Meeting

March 12 - 13, 2010

NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo

April 18, 2010

ORCFFF Council Meeting

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Fellow Fly Fishers,

My first duty as the new Council President was to attend the Federation of Fly Fishers' National Conclave in Loveland, Colorado. This was the first time I attended a national conclave. I was totally impressed with the dedication, the scope and future plans of the Federation of Fly Fishers presented by the new Board of Directors and the new Chair, Phil Greenlee. The Board of Directors has decided to focus on the grassroots input, membership drive and youth education. Also, develop a conduit for communications between clubs, councils and the national office. This new format gives Oregon a strong voice in the nation scene. The new national board elected not to renew a paid CEO/President position. The Board of Directors and Chair will directly control for the FFF future. This is exciting news. Our council and clubs will have a strong influence upon national decisions. In 1964 Oregon was the driving force in the formation of the FFF. Now in 2009, Oregon will once again have a major role in the direction of the FFF.

Your support through the years is once again paying off in giving the FFF a new voice and direction. Thank you for your support. The Federation is stable and within one year will be back on a very strong financial footing.

Goals are always easy to state but many times difficult to follow. So instead of laying out many goals, I would rather like to continue the direction the Oregon Council has adopted: Demonstrate to the public the values of the federation through education and actions in "Conservation, Protection and Enhancing" the fly-fishing resources here in Oregon.

As I assume the office of President, I'm honored to follow great leaders of the past council; humbled by the confidence of the Oregon Council Board has bestowed on me; and challenged by the responsibilities that lie ahead. Past presidents (Tilda Runner (now Evans) Tony Brauner, Gregg Pitts and Keith Burkhart) have given growth and strength to the Oregon Council. The time, efforts and accomplishments of each over the past years have been tremendous. Thanks to the past presidents for their outstanding dedication and work.

Excitement is ahead as the Oregon's clubs and council are given the opportunity to grow with the new direction of the national board. "Together We Grow" is a theme we can develop. As I travel around Oregon and visit many of the clubs, my theme will be "Together We Grow". Our common bond is the love of fly-fishing. With the challenges ahead we can make a beneficial difference in the fishing community.

The Oregon Council wishes to support individuals and clubs efforts in a positive and meaningful way. Your efforts and dedication is the foundation for "Together We Grow".

Thank you,

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*Denotes FFF Charter Club



Meet the 2010 NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo Chair

As a newly-wed kid from Illinois who came to Oregon in 1964 to go to law school, I never thought I would be chairing an event as grand as the Oregon Council FFF Fly Tying and Fishing Expo. Growing up on the East bank of the Mississippi River, fly fishing was something I heard about from an older cousin and a customer where I worked during college, but it was a fringe activity in the land of catfish, bass, and crappie. I was a bow hunter & used a bow to fish for carp and “Billy” gars along the river bottoms. In the early ‘80’s, at an Astoria Chamber of Commerce meeting required as part of my job at the time, I made the off-hand remark to the guy next to me, that fly fishing looked like it could be fun, but also looked awfully complicated.

The next thing I knew, he had given me an old, disjointed rod & an old reel with a level line. Shortly thereafter, I saw in the Daily Astorian that the Rainland Fly Casters were having a picnic & all were welcome. Since my attempts at casting sounded more like whip-cracking, I figured I’d better go. The worst they could do if I showed up was to either ignore me or tell me to go away; at best, I might learn something useful. It has been all downhill (depending on who you listen to) from there. (The Rainlanders are a great bunch of folks, & got me involved – before we retired & moved to Portland a couple years ago, I served in almost every office in the club and on the board, over 25 years, & enjoyed it all).

Sometime later, around 1981, Dave Hughes invited me to a fly-tying class at his office. We went four nights in a row, using a mimeographed predecessor to the American Fly Tying Manual, and I have been learning ever since. At the 1990 FFF Conclave in Eugene, he introduced me to a number of authors and others whom I otherwise would never have met, and whose books & articles I had read. My library, accumulated by buying books of interest from time to time, is now probably at 600 volumes.

In 1994 the local fly shop in Astoria was closing; so a partner & I bought the inventory & started a shop in my home. I later owned alone, and moved it into a commercial building with my law office. The building was sold shortly before I retired, and upon moving to Portland, the shop closed. Running a fly shop in Astoria was personally rewarding, if not financially, but drastically cut my fishing time, as I was in the shop week-ends and evenings. My 15 years’ teaching tying and casting at the local Community College was especially fun and rewarding. At some point we started attending the Oregon Council FFF Fly Tying Expo, and somewhere in the early 1990’s I began tying at it. Since, I have tied at the Boise Expo, the NW Fly Tying Rendezvous, the Portland Sportsman’s Exhibition, the Furimski Portland Fly Fishing Show, the Metolius River Bamboo Rod Festival, the FFF Conclave, and now, the North Umpqua Fall Fly Tying Festival and at other, smaller, special events.

The highlights of the year have always been the FFF Conclave and the Oregon FFF Expo. Conclave attendance (8 of the last 10) has been the greatest learning opportunity, offering the chance to learn from most of the experts in the industry – such folks as Joan Wulff, Al Beatty, Chris Helm, Joe Humphrey, Bob Jacklin, Darrel Martin, Matt Matsushita, my long-term friend Henry Hoffman, and many others, in both tying and casting classes. I highly recommend to everyone interested in learning more about tying and/or casting - attend the conclave.



The Oregon Expo is rapidly rising to the level of the Conclave in its offerings and is becoming more and more exciting for that reason. Jim Fisher, Jim Ferguson, Dwight Klemin and all the rest have done a marvelous job expanding the Expo to offerings to include something for everyone, not just tyers. The facility is simply wonderful, with space for everything, great lighting, clean restrooms, a comfortable place to just sit and enjoy the camaraderie with friends, old & new, and have a cup of coffee, or relax over lunch, and there's even a place out of the rain to get your vehicle striped or emblazoned with your favorite fly pattern.

I volunteered to be on the Expo committee in some capacity, as it was obvious that it takes a lot of folks to accomplish the task of organizing and operating a such a large production. Somehow, that evolved into me being named chairman of the whole thing. This would be a terrifying responsibility if it were not for the folks who really do all the work. There are a dozen sub-chairs who do the year-round organizing, and literally hundreds of folks who operate the show & make it work for the 2,000 plus folks who come to enjoy it.

Meet the Expo Committee for 2010

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This year will be even bigger & better from what I hear from the various chairs. Of course, each of us has something to contribute to the mix for it to be truly memorable. I hope you will personally pitch in, in whatever way you can, whether it be volunteering your time to help with some aspect of the event, contributing items for the auction and/or raffles, teaching a class, doing a presentation on an interesting place or method to fish, tying, or whatever you can to help someone else enjoy fly fishing and tying as much as you do. That's what it's all about!

I look forward to the chance to meet & greet you all in Albany, March 12 & 13, 2010.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

Rogue River Thermal Load from the Medford Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Conservation is key to keeping our fishing resource managed. John MacDiarmid, Conservation Chair” is on the forefront monitoring the “Thermal Discharge Standard for Medford Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant” on the Rogue River Basin. The latest issue is the monitoring the Thermal Temperature is to protect the incubation of wild eggs. Thanks to John’s work, we have an active voice in protecting the fish. The following letter of John demonstrates our concern of monitor the temperature on the Rogue River and why it is important.

*December 4, 2009
Bill Meyers, Rogue Basin Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Thermal Discharge Standard for Medford Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Thank you for returning my phone call on the above subject. My concern is the potential impact of the thermal load from the treatment plant on the wild salmon eggs downstream of the discharge. I fish that section of the river every October and there is substantial spawning in that area. These eggs are

incubating in the late fall and winter when river flows are at a minimum and river temperatures are at their lowest. The thermal discharge has the potential of raising the ambient river temperature with an earlier than natural emergence of wild salmon fry with a reduced survival. As you know, this is a significant problem in the upper river where there is a 2-degree rise due to Lost Creek Reservoir. As the treatment plant service area grows, so will the thermal load. River flows will remain the same so the potential problem will increase.

Given the above concerns, we would appreciate your response to the following questions:

- 1. What is the regulatory process and science that raised the acceptable thermal load from the Medford WWTP discharge?*
- 2. What will the treatment plant thermal loads be in 10, 20 years?*
- 3. What is the temperature of the river and the temperature of the effluent?*
- 4. During the winter months when the salmon eggs are incubating in the gravel, what is the temperature increase in the river now and what will it be in the future with an increased load?*

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us understand the water quality protection program in the Rogue River.

*Oregon Council of Federation of Flyfishers
John MacDiarmid, VP Conservation*

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To donate Auction or Raffle Items please fill out the form on the opposit page and mail the item and this information sheet to the address listed on the form.



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March 12th and 13th, 2010
Auction/Raffle and/or Tyer Packet Donation Form

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Your donation will be acknowledged on the bid slips and oral auction list the day of the event.
In addition, you will be listed as a donor in the next edition of *The Oregon Fly Fisher* and on our web site.

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KOKANEE KARNIVAL

Youth Education Program

Tell me, I forget – Show me, I remember – Involve me, I understand.

Ancient Chinese Proverb

It was an extremely hot July afternoon when I found myself in Tumalo Store in search of something cool to drink. I felt a slap on my shoulder, and upon turning around, was surprised to find a buff young man staring at me. "I know who you are." He said. "You're Bob the Fish Guy! About 9 years ago you came in my 4th grade class and taught us about fishing and raising fish and being responsible and took us fishing and I caught my first fish ever. It was awesome!" We spoke for about 20 minutes and went our separate ways. The young man was referring to the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program. This program is implemented by the efforts of many groups—Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers, Wolfree Inc, Central Oregon Llama Association, Deschutes National Forest, And two Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Programs (Salmon Trout Enhancement Program and the Angler Education Program).

Fourth and Fifth grade classes in Central Oregon initially sign up for one or more Elective opportunities:

FISH EGGS TO FRY

Classrooms are supplied with the equipment to hatch and raise fish. Eggs are furnished from local hatcheries and placed in these incubators and over the course of several weeks students must monitor and record observations, remove any mortalities, and test water quality. The fish are then transported to an approved ODFW release site. In the '08-'09 school year classrooms, (students) participated in this activity.

FISH DISSECTION

Students are supplied with fish, equipment, and volunteers to study the external fish anatomy and how these features enable them to survive in streams and lakes. The next part examines the internal organs and their functions. It is a very popular, exciting activity. The school year of '08-'09, 46 classrooms (1920 students) got their hands on this one.

ANGLER EDUCATION

Students spend several weeks completing The Oregon Angler Education Manual, supplied by ODFW. Subjects include:

1. Get Ready to Go Fishing
2. Fishing Fun- Getting to Know Fish: Fish Identification
3. Understanding Fish and Where they Live
4. Fish and People
5. Giving Something Back to the Fish

In addition, the students must complete a two page exercise concerning Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

Next, at a pre-arranged time, a Fish Crew visits the classroom to spend a two hour seminar covering:

1. Angling Regulations
2. Knot Tying
3. Ethics/Dilemmas
4. Safety

Last school year, 20 classes (500 students) completed this course.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

This option is designed to encourage classrooms to give back something to the watershed.

This could be tree planting, storm drain marking, stream clean-ups, water quality testing, and other similar projects.

THE COMPREHENSIVE LEVEL

Classrooms willing to commit to all the electives are eligible to apply for the Comprehensive Level. This portion adds two field trips:



FALL

The fall field trip consists of two parts:

THE STREAMSIDE EXPERIENCE

One-half of the day involves observing Kokanee salmon spawning in Browns Creek, followed by hands-on activities at 3 stations.

‘Natures Restaurant’ introduces aquatic entomology, what fish eat, and the food web concept.

‘Comforts of Home’ explores the importance of good habitat cold water, dissolved oxygen, food, shelter, competition, and avoiding predators.

‘Incredible Journey’ highlights the life history of Kokanee salmon

Each one of these stations are set up as a hands on adventure.

THE HATCHERY EXPERIENCE

This is the other half of the Fall Field Trip.

Students are transported to Fall River Hatchery where they are introduced to the various

components of raising trout and salmon. These stations cover broodstock, eggs and milt spawning, incubation, the hatch house, the feed room, rearing ponds, liberation, stocking methods, and using llamas to stock backcountry lakes.

SPRING ANGLING EXPERIENCE

Traditionally, this field trip occurs in April. The setting is Shevlin Pond in Bend, Oregon. Starting with a game of Hooks and Ladders which emphasizes the critical components of the journey to the ocean and back. Following, the students are rotated through 4 stations:

1. Fish Biology and Care of the Catch
2. Casting and Water Safety
3. Knots
4. Tackle and Fishing Methods

Following lunch we GO FISHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE FUTURE

Currently, we have a pilot program on the Metolius River that has a more intensive hands on approach to the aquatic eco-system. However, our limiting factor is our volunteer base. We have reached our saturation for the elective portions. The comprehensive level has reached its limit of 14 classes. In order to expand, we would have to create a effective program that would enable educators from all regions to create their own Kokanee Karnival. One approach would be to produce a series of video clips covering all aspects of the Program, available on DVD and on our website. These short 10 minute clips would provide teachers the guidance to accomplish that goal. The project will take at least a year and requires an upgrade of our 9 year old computer, and appropriate software and obtaining a digital video camera. Any suggestions?

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