



MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



## AUCTION 2020 EDITION



We are all now experiencing very dynamic, challenging and unprecedented times. However, we need to look to the future.

As of this date, we still plan to hold our Annual Club Auction event on September 15th. Because of the lack of vendor participation in providing items, your donations to the Auction are all that more important this year!

We all have extra stuff that we no longer use. Give your unused gear a new life with a donation to the Auction! Your donations do not have to be fly fishing specific items. Gifts of outdoor, household, entertainment items (etc...) are all welcome. Better yet help support our local small businesses by purchasing a gift card to a favorite restaurant, your special dog groomer etc. Do you have personal or business contacts that may offer a donation of gift items? Now is the time to be gathering items for the Auction.

Lastly, the gift of cash is always an option for the membership. Although not emphasized in previous years, it may well be an important component of 2020. The Auction is our primary fundraiser and allows the Club to execute its mission; the enhancement of fly fishing through conservation, education, and fellowship. As the KCFC is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization, your donations may be tax deductible.

Your Auction Team is ready to receive your donations. The Club's Auction Coordinator, Lois Krueger, reminds us all to please include a note with your donation(s) that includes your name and the item(s) being donated. This allows us to keep our records accurate! Lois, or a member of the Auction Team will be glad to pick items up or meet you in town. Please arrange your pick up or meeting location by calling Lois at 541-539-1555.

Once again we thank you for your input and participation in the 2020 Club Auction process; with the gift of new or used gear and merchandise, cash donations, and \$\$\$ spent on Auction night!

We are looking forward to our return to normalcy, and the return to the sport we love.



### CALENDAR

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting Canceled  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club Fundraiser Auction Postponed to September – No May Meeting.  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club Fly Casting Clinic at Moore Park Canceled  
 Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club BBQ at Yamsi Ranch  
 Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - Annual Club Fundraiser Auction – At Running Y Conference Center

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### THE KCFC MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Klamath Country Fly Casters, out of a vital interest in the sport of fly fishing, do hereby join to promote fly fishing as a method of angling, to encourage youth to learn this method of angling, and to promote and participate in meetings to educate all persons in the many aspects of fly fishing as a sport. We agree to make every effort to protect and improve fishing resources in our area by encouraging the practice of catch and release fishing of wild, native fish and by supporting fly fishing organizations in other areas in the overall quest for improvement and perpetuity of fishing resources.

The members of the board of Klamath Country Fly Casters put forth this statement:

"We invite people to become board members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters who wish to promote a healthy and harmonious sense of collegial spirit within the environmental milieu of our board. We on the board, choose to care for the well-being of board members, Club members, and for our fly-fishing community. We ask those who want to be board members to practice positive intervention, to work harmoniously with other board members, and to be willing to promote well-being amongst fellow members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters and our community."

### COMMITTEES

Conservation: Vacant

Education: Greg Williams

Fly Tying: Ralph Carestia

Membership: Mark Kelley

Outings Coordinator: Kris Henry

Programs: Bob Kingzett

Social Events & Auction: Lois Krueger

Monthly Raffle: Marie Ganong

ORCFFI Club Representative, Newsletter Editor, Budget and Communications: Dale Zemke

Regular KCFC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the Waffle Hut 106 Main Street, Klamath Falls. Dinner starts at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. Board members, please be there at 5:00.

The KCFC website is: [www.klamathcountryflycasters.com](http://www.klamathcountryflycasters.com)



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** from John Krueger

I hope you all are doing well, I know this is tough on a lot of members and your families. This marking time hasn't been as troubling to me as it has been Lois, her being so social and having to stay home is hard on her. We have a large yard that I work on every day, mowing, weeding, setting up bird houses and chopping wood. However, she has been able to keep busy in a new way....Lois has a new hobby making cookies about 30 dozen to date. White chocolate macadamia, chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin. Then she'll wrap them up and deliver them to friends and clients doorsteps. Lois is also delivering designer face masks to many of her clients. In the evening I settle in reading everything fly fishing there is so on YouTube, it keeps me occupied late into the night. I suggest if you're looking for any discipline on fishing you will find it there. I look forward to start fishing the upper Klamath this week. Eagle Ridge, Rocky Point and the mouth of the Wood River are starting to produce. I know that Peter and Mark have fished the Sprague River by the High School with some success. Please call me anytime with your hotspots, I would like to hear from you and I will keep it secret. Seriously I would love to hear from you. I do miss our meetings and all club members, stay safe and well. I hope to see you all soon.





## Mary and Harry Craggs at Lake Juanita CA

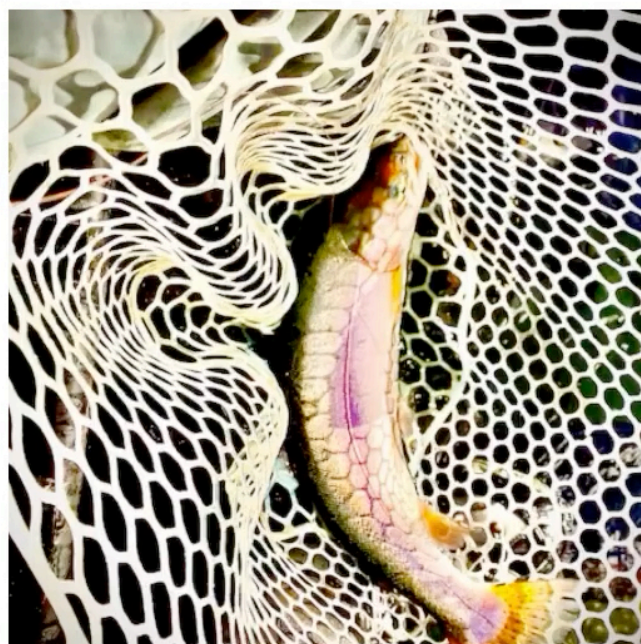
Arrived at lake Juanita at 8am. Lake calm, Harry caught this trout with a Royal Wulff on his second cast. Then the wind came up and the fish were few and far between. We caught two bass on a frog popper. Harry got four more trout and I landed three. Tough day of fishing. Campground and bathrooms closed. About 10 fellow fishermen. Fun day





## Peter Calvo's Fish

These lovely fish were taken from Hyde Lake at the Yamsi Ranch



## Non-residents can fish and hunt in Oregon again beginning May 5

### *Clamming/crabbing remains closed to non-residents; new non-resident refund policy announced*

**SALEM, Ore.**—Non-residents may fish and hunt in Oregon again beginning Tuesday, May 5. Recreational clamming and crabbing will remain closed to non-residents until further notice.

ODFW is lifting the non-resident restrictions in line with some loosening of restrictions on outdoor recreation in the state and region. Washington state will also reopen to most fishing on May 5.

Oregon and Washington will reopen salmon and steelhead fishing on the Columbia River next week. The states are holding a Joint State Hearing today at 2 p.m. to set the reopener.

Due to concerns about increased travel to the coast during the summer months while the COVID-19 pandemic continues, crabbing and clamming will remain closed to non-residents for now. Oregon residents who do not live on the coast should also not travel there to crab or clam when the Stay Home, Save Lives restrictions against travel are in effect. Beach access may also be closed.

“We want to thank non-residents for their understanding of the temporary closure,” said ODFW Director Curt Melcher. “We are also announcing a special refund policy for non-residents who purchased fishing license documents between April 6-15, which is about the time when Washington announced their extended closure of all hunting and fishing.” (More info below)

All hunters and anglers are reminded to:

- **Check for access before you go.** Fishing is open but the [boat ramp](#) or park where you want to go might be closed. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities it doesn't manage so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open.
- **Stick close to home.** Don't travel far to hunt or fish. Most places are closed to overnight camping/lodging.
- **Be prepared.** Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Buy your [license online](#) before you go.
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Avoid crowds.** Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded.





- **Practice social distancing.** Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household.
- **Wash your hands often.** Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you.
- **Pack out what you pack in.** Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

### Special non-resident refund policy

**FOR ANGLERS:** Non-residents who purchased fishing licensing documents (such as a daily, multi-day or annual fishing or shellfish license, combined angling tag and associated products) between April 6-15 may request a refund for all of these fishing products provided they did not keep any fish or shellfish.

**FOR HUNTERS:** Non-residents who purchased a hunting license (annual or nonresident 3-day for gamebirds) and/or tag for spring turkey will be eligible to receive a refund for their hunting license and/or tag, regardless of when it was purchased, as long as they have not hunted at all.

Request a refund at <https://odfw.wufoo.com/forms/nonresident-refund-request-a-covid19-period/>

The April 6-15 timeframe for providing fishing license refunds is based on the state of Washington's April 6 decision to extend its closure of fishing in that state. ODFW saw an increase in non-resident sales after this announcement but many of these customers may not have had a chance to use their fishing license before Oregon closed to non-residents on April 11.

Non-residents can also continue to apply for fall controlled hunts. The deadline to apply for all fall controlled hunts remains May 15 for both residents and non-residents.

As already announced, tag refund and preference point reinstatement is also available to non-residents and residents who purchased a spring bear tag and were unable to hunt in 2020 due to the travel restrictions. Today (May 1 at 11:59 p.m.) is the deadline for spring bear hunters to either purchase their tag or complete a request form at <https://myodfw.com/articles/2020-spring-bear-tag-sale-deadline-refund-process>



## Fishing with Club Members:

If you decide to go fishing and would like some company, take some club members fishing with you. Contact Kris Henry at 541-880-8105 or <http://kj9henry@gmail.com> and give about 4 days' notice of the fishing event to provide time to get the word out. Leave Kris your telephone number or email so that others can contact you about going fishing with you. Kris will then see that the word of the event gets out in a club-wide email to announce your invitation to go fishing, and he will have those interested contact you directly.

## Reminder - the following offer PAID MEMBERS of the Klamath Country Fly Casters Club discounts when making a purchase

Parker's Rod & Gun Rack at 7364 S 6<sup>th</sup> St offers a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented

The Ledge at 369 S 6th St provides a 10% discount on purchases when a current club membership card is presented.

Timeflies Outfitters at 541-539-1505 or [jk@timefliesoutfitters.com](mailto:jk@timefliesoutfitters.com) offers up to a 15% discount on fly tying materials & tools as well as all fly fishing gear & flies, to current members of the Club.





## INDISPENSABLE FLIES, by Ralph Carestia

### Black Parachute Carpenter Ant



Ants are the most numerous insect you will find around a trout stream, with maybe the exception of the beetle. It depends on the location of the stream, but in many areas, ants are more plentiful. Ants are clumsy fliers and pay little attention to where they travel on the ground. Where you find ants migrating around the water, you'll find them getting into the water and you'll find trout eating them. The Carpenter Ants are most notable because of their larger size, but are actually only one of many ant migrations that happen around trout streams. Fortunately, the carpenter ants look much like all the other ants found around the streams and they are by far the most plentiful.

Like any ant pattern, the best time to fish imitations of the carpenter ant are during the summer and early fall when they are most plentiful. Heavy rains can wash a huge number of these ants into the water in areas where they are plentiful. The best time to fish an imitation of them is after a hard rain. Anywhere you can find water entering a stream, from trickles to small runoff areas of water large enough to carry ants after a rain, is usually a good place to fish.

#### Materials:

**Hook:** TMC 5212 #12-16  
**Thread:** UTC Black 6/0  
**Abdomen:** Black superfine dubbing with 2mm black foam on top  
**Wing:** White calf body hair  
**Hackle:** Black dyed grizzly  
**Thorax:** Black superfine dubbing



**Instructions:**

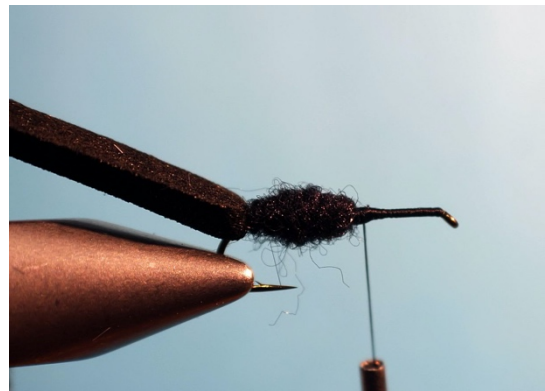
1. Attach the thread at the eye of the hook and wrap a smooth thread base to the back of the hook.



2. Begin by cutting a strip of 2mm foam so it is as wide as the gap of the hook. I use a cutting board, metal straight edge and razor blade to cut mine, as scissors make it much harder to get a clean straight cut. The strip of foam should be at least three inches long and tapered for a smooth tie. Tie in the foam at the rear of the hook.



3. Using a super fine dubbing is small amounts, so you can twist it on the thread very tight. Tie in over the foam and form the tapered body from dubbing by forming an oblong ball from the bend to the 40% point on the shank.



4. Pull the foam over the dubbed body to the 35% point of the hook. Cut a taper and tie in firmly forming the rear portion of the ant.



5. Tie in a shank length stacked piece of calf body hair and post at the base with the thread.



6. Prepare and tie in the black or black died grizzly hackle to the shank in front of the base of the wing with the inside of the feather facing down. Pull the hackle feather straight up so it is parallel to the wing and post around the stripped quill. Return the thread to the bottom of the post.





7. Apply a thin layer of Black superfine dubbing to the thread and build another smaller ball around the base of the wing.



8. Begin wrapping the hackle at the top of the post with each consecutive turn under the last. Make five or seven turns, and then pull the tip of the feather down on the far side of the hook and secure. Whip finish behind the hook eye while holding the wrapped hackle out of the way and clip the thread.



**Top View**



**Bottom View**

