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President's Message

Well, the minimal smoke of last year and earlier this year has sure been replaced by the smokiest Sept in my memory! As I'm writing this it's been raining a little here in Redmond and the Valley has gotten more, so hopefully we're on our way to a less fiery and smoky time. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that our hearts and prayers go out to the many people who have lost loved ones and property in the latest fires in our beautiful state. Over a million acres have burned in Oregon (and continue to burn as of this writing), the highest number in history.

October will (should) bring cooler temps and better fishing conditions for us, and we'll all be ready for some decent weather. Many of the local waters will see our trout putting on the feedbag for winter, which should help with the catching part of fishing. I've even heard there are a few more of those mythical STEELHEAD in the Deschutes this year than the last 2 years!

October is also when your Board will be holding our annual Retreat to develop our budget for 2021. We'll be discussing the results of our membership dues survey and coming up with the new dues fees for 2021, as well as several other important items that will affect how we operate (Banquet donation auctions, the fate of the Winter Seminar, 501.c.3 status, Donations to other groups, to name a few).

You'll see our annual notice of elections for the Board of Directors in this issue. We have several positions coming open for next year, so please seriously consider running for one of them. The heart of a non-profit organization like ours is the volunteers, and our heart is having some problems right now (ie: Banquet), and we need some of our fine folks to step up.

COOL VIDEOS OF THE MONTH:

1. Here's a quick video from The New Fly Fisher on how to tie an improved clinch knot quickly. It's a short one, but new to me, and looks pretty easy to do. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxuoPB_O67Y
2. Ten Tips for Fly Fishing in Low Clear Water by Tactical Fly Fisher. Devin Olsen, a member of the US Fly Fishing Team shows you how to approach and fish for trout in the low, clear conditions of late summer/fall/winter that we sometimes encounter around Central OR. I just stumbled across this YouTube channel, and found it is packed with tons of good info about trout fishing. It's heavy on the Euro style, but has info for many other situations also. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8hq8NBcaI&t=638s>

As always, thanx for being a part of this great Club, and feel free to let me (or any board member) know if you have ideas for improvement.

Get out and fish!

- *Tim Quinton*

Tim Quinton, President COF



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GENERAL *virtual* MEETING | OCTOBER 21ST
MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL TO COME THAT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS.



This month we will have **Rick Hafele** giving us his virtual program “Understanding Emergers”. Emerging insects provide some of the most exciting and productive opportunities in fly fishing. But you must have the right fly and present it the right way. This program explains the in’s and outs of choosing the right fly for the right emerger and how to fish them.

Rick Hafele has a Masters degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology. He has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years, specializing in using aquatic communities as water quality indicators. While working for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Rick was instrumental in developing the State's bioassessment program and Oregon's water quality standards for aquatic life. As a fly-fishing writer Rick penned the Entomology column for American Angler magazine for 30 years. He also co-authored *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* with Scott Roederer (Johnson Books, 1995), *Western Mayfly Hatches and The Complete Book of Western Hatches* with Dave Hughes (Amato Pub), *Nymph Fishing Streams and Rivers* (Stackpole Books 2006), and his newest releases *Seasons for Trout and Tactics for Trout* (Stackpole Books 2014) co-authored with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris. Instructional DVD's to Rick's credit includes *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*, the four DVD series *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*, plus *Basic and Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*. For many years Rick has been sharing his knowledge with fly fishermen through books, articles, DVDs, slide shows and seminars.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL COF MEMBERS:

If you are not tuning in on our monthly virtual meetings you are missing out on great monthly presentations. COVID-19 has taken a toll on all of us, but your fly fishing club is still going strong and providing quality presentations for your enjoyment. We are looking forward to seeing you at this month's meeting.

We email the link to the virtual meeting each month to all members, so if your email isn't current you won't get it. If your email is correct but you're still not getting it, contact Mary Barron, our Webmaster. Also, anyone can access the newsletter on our website without signing in.



EDUCATION

Casting Skills Challenge

A big shout-out and thank you to Mary Ann Dozer and Stephen Williams for hosting FFI's Bronze Casting Challenge. 9 people came out to participate over two days, and 6 achieved their Bronze Casting level! Not only did several take the challenge, but lots of good instruction and tips from both Mary Ann and Stephen. Next? The Silver and Gold Casting Challenges coming this year or next.

Bronze Level Achievers:

- Jeff Stanton
- Art Agnew
- Ginger Kuhlmann
- George Fettig
- Jeff Jones
- Liz Jones

We are looking for someone to take over Education for the club starting in 2021. Please contact us for information if you are interested.

- JEFF & LIZ JONES
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I received the following email from Mary Ann Dozer regarding the recent Casting Skills Challenge and virtual casting classes. Well done to our volunteers and Mary Ann for hosting such fun and informative sessions!

“Tim, A big thank you to Mary Barron, Liz Jones, and Jeff Jones for their efforts with the virtual on-line classes and the Casting Skills Challenge. I have received positive comments on these events for the format, content, and social interactions. All of that would not have happened without the volunteering of Mary, Liz, and Jeff. Mary made Apricot work for us for emails and sign-ups. Liz and Jeff for initiating and collaborating on the overall plan. Volunteers are the heartbeat of every flyfishing club. And those three have a strong heartbeat! I nominate all three of them for volunteers of the Month!” — Mary Ann Dozer

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CONSERVATION

Chinook Salmon

The chart that I used in last month's and this month's column can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.fpc.org/webapps/adultsalmon/QuarterlyAdultCountsGraph2.php>

This month I will be talking about Chinook Salmon arriving at the PGE facility at Round Butte dam and the part of the run identified as originating above Lake Billy Chinook in the Crooked, Deschutes (Whychus Creek) and Metolius River (Camp Sherman ODFW Ponds). I talked about the federal fish hatchery on the Warm Springs River after my visit on Memorial Day in 2019.

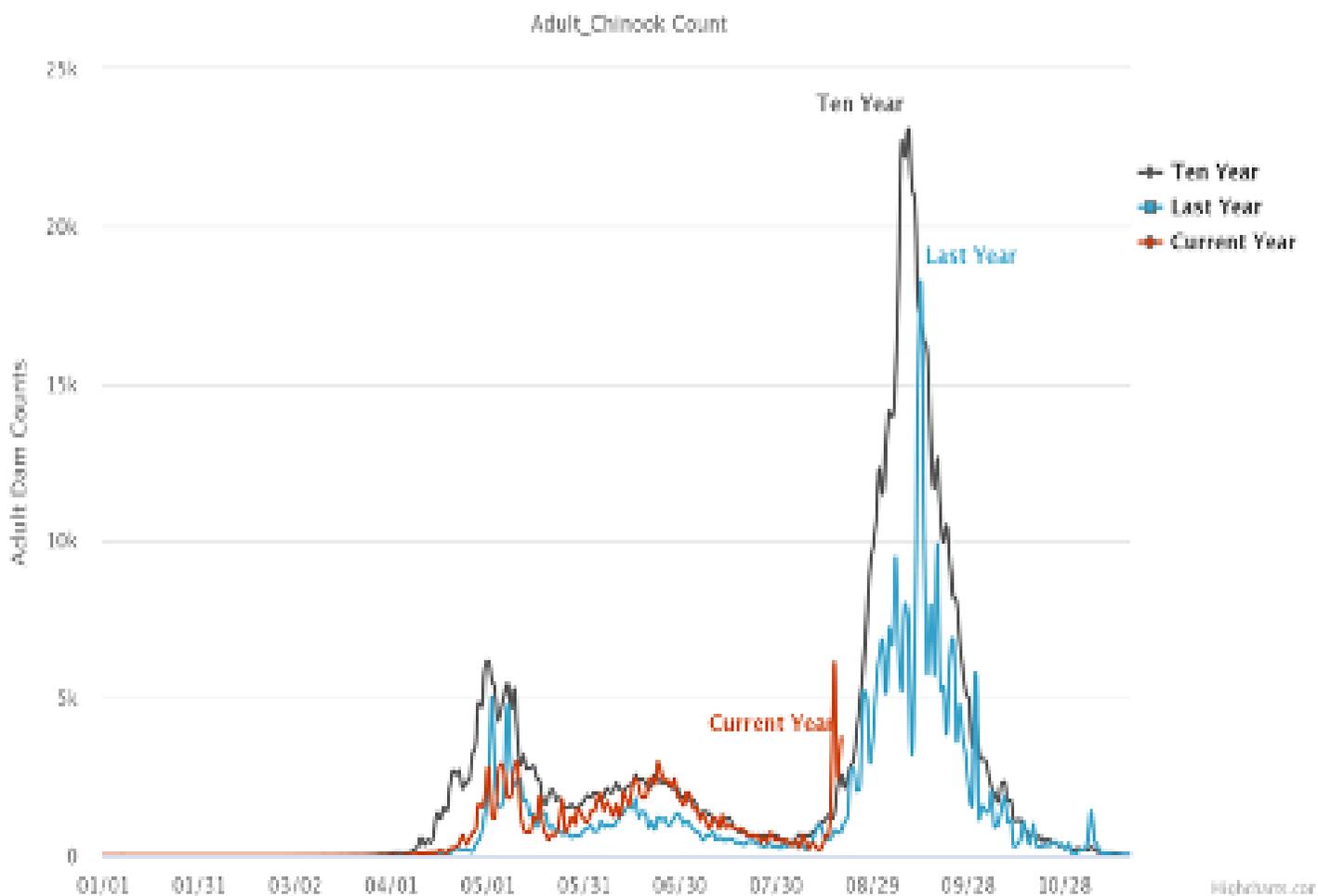
Spring Chinook arrive at the PGE facility between May to August of the year. In 2019 a total of 434 adults arrived of which 57 could be determined to originate above Lake Billy Chinook in the various rivers and streams. These fish are an important component of the PGE program. Providing a naturally spawning component to a hatchery program is one way of maintaining long term productivity

of a hatchery program.

Tags were placed in some of these adults and their locations monitored during the summer to the fall spawning season. These fish moved a lot during the summer with the largest movement being about 200 miles of various locations above and in Lake Billy Chinook. I think part of the reason for this movement was a search for a partner to complete the spawning process and finding suitable gravel locations. One fish planted at Smith Rock on the Crooked River moved downstream thru the Opal Springs site into Lake Billy Chinook before choosing another river to spawn. The main locations for spawning were in Whychus Creek for the Deschutes River and the Camp Sherman area of the Metolius River. Stream improvements in the Rimrock Ranch section of Whychus Creek should increase the number of naturally spawning and produced smolts in the future.

Fall Chinook arrive at the PGE facility between October and December and totaled 339 adult fish in 2019. The chart below shows the Chinook adult count at Bonneville Dam this year.

Bonneville Dam Adult Count Graph



ODFW is stocking Chinook Smolts in the area above Lake Billy Chinook. A few years ago they planted some fry with the help of COE. Survival of these fry to smolts and adults was so poor this program was stopped in favor of larger smolt releases. The first smolts released without acclimation in the stream had only about a 10% survival to the new collection device at the Dam at Lake Billy Chinook a few month later. It was found with acclimation time provided in the streams before release this percentage could be increased. Current research in timing of release to stream flow and time of day is attempting to further increase the survival of these smolts. Due to the low number of returning adults I view these smolt releases as an opportunity to provide some “bonus” adults to the upper streams above the naturally spawning adults that raise their young in the existing streams. This program will be needed until sufficient adults return to adequately populate the upper streams for spawning. I feel this will be a long process that will take many years to build a solid run of adult Chinook Salmon.

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OTHER NEWS

November Membership Meeting

Our November membership meeting is traditionally the meeting when our members vote on next year’s officers and committee directors. We have a few holes in our slate and would like your help in filling them. If you know someone who would be a good fit or, more importantly, if you would like to volunteer to help your club out, or if you have questions, please contact your COF President, Tim Quinton. The Board Book (in the Members section of the website) has descriptions and a list of duties for each position. The name after the position is the incumbent. Please contact them if you need more information.

The following are the positions that we need volunteers for...

- **Outings (Lee Ann Ross)** – no need to lead the outings, just organize and publish.
- **Raffle (Lee Ann Ross)** – organize the monthly raffles... we have lots of items already.
- **Education (Jeff Jones)** – organize educational offerings to club members, i.e. rod building, net building, bugs, etc.

- **Conservation (Tom Shuman)** – keep a finger on the region’s conservation issues and report to the Club.
- **Welcome Committee (Tom Wideman)** – welcome new members with a call, etc.
- **Winter Fly Tying (Ron Giaier)** – organize the 3 winter months of weekly fly tying...maybe virtual for 2021.
- **Banquet/Auction (Pete Martin)** – organize the different committees that put on our banquet/auction.

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BOARD BITS

A Review of the Sept 3, 2020 Virtual Board of Directors’ Meeting

Liz, our treasurer, went over our 501c3 designation. We are a charity, not a social club. Liz split out our budget items into 4 areas...club revenue, essential club expenses, additional club expenses, donations. Our assumption going forward is that we will have no money coming in for an auction (no one has stepped forward to chair), but we will have money coming in from the Sportsman’s Show. Tim, Liz & Bob have been discussing membership numbers. If nothing changes, the club will run out of money in 5 years. What are possible solutions?... banquet/auction, grants, higher membership fees, etc. If any members have thoughts, please pass them on to a BOD member.

For the foreseeable future our meetings will be held virtually using ZOOM. We have found that the quality of the experience depends on the user’s equipment, not the platform. We will need multiple ZOOM licenses, but the net cost to us is less than having our “normal” monthly meetings at the Senior Center and The Environmental Center. Thank you to Mary for her tremendous amount of work on this!

Liz and Renee have been working with the Parks & Recreation Dept to clean up our account. We are now correct and current.

Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative – Tim has written a letter to remove us from their membership. Tom will attend their meetings as an interested fisherman. He will

report back to the BOD on any important developments.

Banquet – We have gotten our deposit back from the River House. It is questionable if we will even have a dinner next year.

Parking may be a problem at the Environmental Center in the future (when we hold BOD meetings there again). Liability insurance is doubling for the Senior Center next year, where we hold monthly meetings. We may be changing facilities for our future meetings.

BOD Retreat – October 10. Attachments from each committee will be sent out before the meeting. We also need to finalize an officer's slate for the November election.

Future BOD meetings – we are moving our monthly meetings to the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Programs – Art - thank you to Mary for helping our monthly presenters. Art is working on bookings for 2021.

Education – Jeff - MaryAnn is holding a bronze casting challenge in the next month.

Welcome Committee – Tom W is leaving the board. Thanks, Tom, for all you've done. Bob, as membership chair, is helping out.

Wild Women of the Water – Sue – things are going well. ZOOM Happy Hours are happening.

Conservation – Tom – he is working on articles.

Website – Mary- if you have access to Wild Apricot (our website provider), please be careful when making changes, all changes should be run by Mary before they go into effect. We recently had a very large problem that took substantial hours to correct.

- KARI SCHOESSLER
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our New Members

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Carrie Hicks - Bend

Ted Ledebauer - Orefield, Pennsylvania

Sonja Newton - Bend

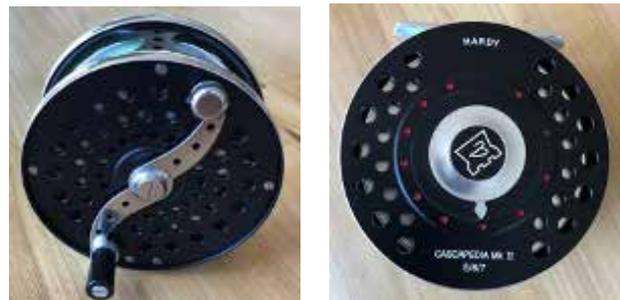
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GLOBUG (GB) MIDGE



The GB Midge is a very effective midge for central Oregon rivers and streams. This fly has accounted for over 2,000 fish on the Crooked River since December 1919. This article is as much a “tying technique” as it is a “pattern”. It utilizes white Globug yarn for the gill/thorax. Once you learn how to tie the “gill”, the pattern is easy to tie. So, I will provide detailed directions for the technique: On a size 18 nymph hook, lay down a base of thread on the hook using white 8/0 Ultra thread. Start the thread at the eye and wrap toward the bend of the hook. Wind down the shank for 2 eye widths in length. Cut a 2” piece of the Globug cord (you can get the yarn at Bimart or Sportrman’s Warehouse). Separate a piece of yarn from the 2” piece of cord about 3/16” in diameter. Trim the yarn at one end. Attach the yarn to the thread base on the hook facing the toward the hook bend. The trimmed end of the yarn should be even with the back of the hook eye. The length of the tied down yarn should be 2 eye widths. Now pull the yarn fairly tight forward and secure behind the hook eye with 3 thread wraps. You should now have created a small “ball” of yarn. Now take your thread to behind the “ball” and make 2 turns. Now pull the yarn back over the “ball” to make a small, but puffy ball and secure with 3 to 4 tight thread wraps and trim of the remaining yarn (see the photograph for the end result). The white yarn has UV reflective properties that help it show up in the Crooked River. You can use the same technique using white razor

foam. Cut a 2-3” strip of foam such that it is 2 eye widths in width. Repeat the steps used in the yarn technique.

Now, back the pattern. After you finish the gill, whip finish the white thread and switch to 8/0 black Ultra thread. I use midge pearl krystal flash for the tail. It should be about 2 eye widths in length. The body of the midge is black thread; however, brown works well. You can rib the body with small silver (pictured) or copper thread or 6/0 white thread or you can omit the rib. Some days when the fish get picky, no rib is the best. By omitting the rib and making a very sparse collar using Ice Dub black peacock you can create a Winker midge variation. I fish this fly as my point fly (drop shot rig, closest to the stream bottom).

There are other options to consider. On a size 16 nymph hook, create the white “gill/thorax” and color the yarn with a yellow Sharpie to create a PMD emerger or pink or orange to create a Frenchie variation. Just tie a nymph body (black tail, brown abdomen, and a copper or gold rib. With the different colors of yarn you can create small 4-5 mm whitefish EEG patterns. I also use the yarn gill on lake chironomids. There are unlimited possibilities!

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OCTOBER 2020 UPSTREAM EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
October 10	COF BOD Zoom Retreat	
October 21	COF Virtual Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM	



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