

3rd Quarter – July thru September 2021

Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International *Presidents Message* **3rd Quarter July – September 2021**

Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo New Date March 10 & 11, 2023

I was very excited to start ramping up planning and sending out invitations for the 2022 Expo. To plan and execute a successful, safe expo requires a minimum of 6 months. Three weeks ago, everything changed and quickly became a COVID19 variant health risk to everyone. The Oregon Council Board of Directors reached a unanimous decision to postpone our Expo again until it is safe to do so.

Our Council is financially stable and can carry the Expo delay into the future. We will continue working with all the Oregon FFI clubs and encourage them to use our grant program to fund some of their projects or activities. Most of the council activities will be using the Zoom platform.

Our BOD (see list in this newsletter) has grown again to 25 dedicated volunteers. Welcome to 3 new club representative board members, Rhona Dallison – Stonefly Maidens, Rick Newton – Rainland Fly Casters, and Mike Marlatt – Cascade Family Fly Fishers.

The Oregon Council 2021 Annual Meeting and Election of BOD members and Officers for 2022 will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021. 10 AM. Notification, agenda plus zoom link will be provided to all Oregon FFI members before the meeting.

Please read the nomination letter from our Executive Director & Nominations Chair, Terry Willis in this newsletter. Email: tdwillis2@comcast.net

Thank you all for continuing your ongoing support for FFI and the Oregon Council. Feel free to contact me at any time if you would like to talk about Executive BOD positions. Transition to new leadership has my full support for as long as necessary.



Sherry Steele

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ORCFFI 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

For this edition of the ORCFFI Quarterly Newsletter, I wanted to introduce myself and discuss the upcoming ORCFFI annual elections.

The Oregon Council has a variety of nominations that are available for you to consider serving from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022 (1 year). We are a very strong Council regarding the National FFI and among the other national councils. We are under the umbrella of the National FFI and we have oversight of the registered flyfishing clubs in Oregon. Each club varies in size of its members and their mission, but we all strive for preserving the habitat of streams, lakes, and all species of fish in Oregon. Each flyfishing club also strives to serve its members and their community to preserve the history of flyfishing and to teach others the mechanics of learning to flyfish.

The Oregon Council has a variety of positions that are available for you to serve in to include the President's and Vice President's positions. The Treasurer and Secretary positions are also available for service including 2 Directors at large positions. Please don't think that the vacant positions are an awkward sign, it's just that many of the positions were held by the same people and after many long years of service, retirements are occurring leaving these positions available. The remaining Board of Directors is currently still in place, and everyone on the Oregon Council is available to assist in the placement and training of interested candidates.

As the Nominations Chair of the Oregon Council, part of my duties is to recruit and answer any questions you may have about available positions. Please email me or call at any time so that I may speak to you about becoming involved in a very rewarding community activity. Also, if you are not available at this time to serve as a committee chair or director but would like to work in an assistant position, we would be thrilled to speak with you. Lastly, if you know of a qualified candidate and would like to refer that person, please take the time to send me information or call me to discuss your ideas.

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ORCFFI Nominations Chair
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Long time fellow fly tyer has passed away



Charles Arthur Collins (Chuck), 74, of Pocatello, Idaho, passed away on August 15, 2021. Chuck was a constant presence at our NW Expo for many years. We will miss him. Condolences to his wife Sharon and the family.

Here is an online obituary for Chuck:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/idahostatejournal/name/charles-collins-obituary?pid=199883034>

Another sad note

Tony Brauner passed away on August 12, 2021. Tony served as Oregon Council President from 2002-2006. We were unable to obtain any additional information at this time. Condolences to the family.

Women Connect:

from Sue Coyle

The FFI Fly Casting Skills Challenge was recently hosted by Central Oregon Wild Women of the Water and Women Connect Oregon. The fly casting skills challenge is a great way to enhance your casting skills which we all know will benefit our time on the water to successfully catch and land fish. We are grateful to Mary Ann Dozer, who has her Masters Casting Certification from FFI and sits on the FFI Casting Board of Governors as the Technology Lead for her leadership and assistance in making this fun event happen.

Mary Ann and 3 Casting Certification Candidates, Stephen Williams, Lindsey Flexner, and Dean McNaught gave of their time on a beautiful Saturday morning here in Central Oregon to judge and also educate our participants. Some of our participants were new to fly fishing and the time spent demonstrating their casting ability and learning new casting techniques under the watchful eye of the casting instructors was priceless.

You can learn more about Mary Ann Dozer at Flyfishing Pursuits:

<https://flyfishingpursuits.org/mary-ann-dozer/> and about the FFI Casting Skills Challenge: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources/Fly-Casting/Fly-Casting-Skills-Challenge>.

For more information on FFI Women Connect here in Oregon, contact Susan Coyle, wildwomen@coflyfishers.org.



Oregon Council Awards Program:

The deadline for submission is October 1st, 2021

Each year the Oregon Council presents awards to deserving individuals and clubs. In the past, the awards have been presented at the banquet at the NW Fly Tying and Flyfishing Expo. Beginning this year we will be presenting the awards at our annual meeting to be held in December. The deadline for nominations has been moved until the 1st of October 2021. All nominations can be submitted by email to Keith Burkhart at blueback4me@comcast.net for review and distribution to the Board of Directors. Be sure to include the contact information for the nominee in the submissions.

Awards Program Criteria & Procedures

The Oregon Council Awards Program is a means to recognize the accomplishments of members of the Oregon Council for outstanding efforts during the past year. The awards will be presented annually at the Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo. The program consists of the five awards and criteria listed below.

NORMALLY THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 1ST FOR 2021

FLYFISHER OF THE YEAR – Given annually to the individual who has demonstrated unusual devotion to the Oregon Council, and through outstanding contributions has benefitted the Oregon Council and the FFI as an international organization.

- A. A minimum of three years of membership and service to the Council is required.
- B. Service should be voluntary.
- C. The individual should have not previously won the award.
- D. The award should be for achievements that are Council-wide in scope.
- E. Continuing service is of prime importance. Therefore, consideration generally should be weighted 70% for cumulative service and 30% for achievements in the past year.
- F. Devotion and contributions to the Council should be consistent with Council and FFI objectives and be superior to those other candidates.

All nominations are to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

CLUB OF THE YEAR – An award given annually to that Oregon Council Club which has made the most outstanding contributions on behalf of the Oregon Council.

- A. Must be a member club with at least three years of continuous affiliation.
- B. The award should be based on cumulative service, but significant activities in the past year are important. A ratio of 70% past years to 30% present year should serve as a guideline but not be restrictive.

Oregon Council Awards Program (cont'd)

- C. Activities and services performed should be primarily on behalf of the Council. Those functions may have as their primary outlet another organization but ultimately benefiting the Council should be of secondary consideration.
- D. Outstanding contributions are those that are conspicuous in relation to others – consistent contributions over a period of time. Contributions should be defined as those acts that fall within the scope of (insert reference to Council Bylaws)

All nominations are to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

STAN WALTERS MEMORIAL FLY TYER OF THE YEAR – An award given annually to that person who has made a significant contribution to the art of fly tying.

- A. Must be an IFFF member in good standing.
- B. Can be an amateur or professional. (This is a difficult area, what an amateur does out of sheer love and enjoyment, a professional must do to make a living. Nevertheless, it is often the professional who, through their skills, offers more to the advancement of the art. Therefore, it will be necessary to make some judgment on intent. If the primary intent is to teach and share knowledge, it should merit serious consideration.)
- C. Advancement of the art can be on the local or regional level.
- D. Participation in the Council is not a prerequisite, but any activity that benefits the council should be highly regarded.
- E. Achievements and contributions should promote the advancement of the arts and qualifications should be superior to other candidates.

All nominations are to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Nominations will be forwarded to the Northwest Fly Tying Expo Tying Chair. The Tying Chair along with his/her committee of two others will forward their recommendations to the Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

FRANK MOORE CONSERVATION AWARD – An award is given to an individual, group, or organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the conservation of our fisheries resources. The criteria are as below:

- A. The individual, group, or organization need not be affiliated with the Oregon Council of the FFI.
- B. Eligible for this award would be individuals, Clubs, groups or organizations, and state departments or agencies.
- C. This award should be based on a single outstanding contribution or a continuous prominent effort promoting conservation.
- D. The individual, group or organization should have not previously won the award.
- E. The award need not be an annual award but would be given on an "as merited" basis.

Oregon Council Awards Program (cont'd)

- F. Extraordinary contributions are those that are superior and conspicuous in relation to others and consistent with the philosophies of the Oregon Council.

All nominations are to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair and routed to the Council Conservation Chair for evaluation and recommendation. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

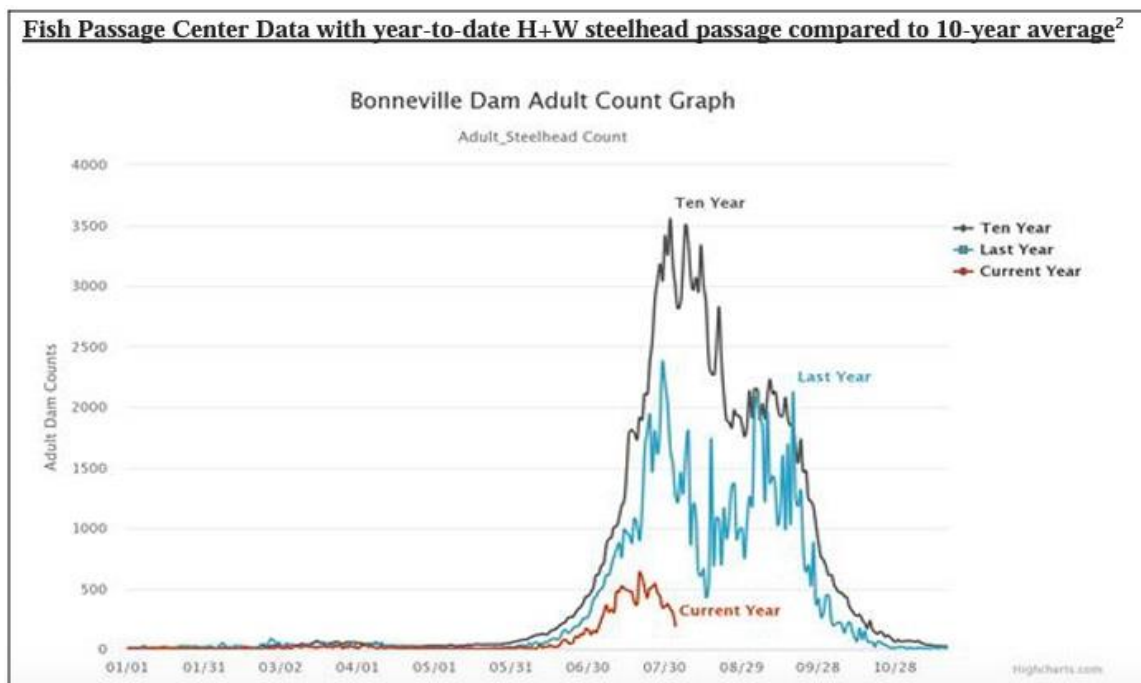
POLLY ROSBOROUGH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Established in 1993 this is an award presented to an individual who has shown unusual devotion and has made outstanding contributions to the Oregon Council, its member clubs, and fly fishers in general.

- A. Must be a member in good standing of the FFI.
- B. A minimum of ten years' service is required.
- C. The nominee must one or more of the following criteria:
 - a) Has promoted the sport of fly fishing and enhanced the knowledge and the ability of other fly fishers.
 - b) Has devoted energy to youth education activities to help the next generation of fly fishers.
 - c) Has made significant contributions to the preservation and enhancement of fishery resources.
 - d) Is a proven teacher in the arts and sciences of fly fishing.
 - e) Has shown unusual devotion to the Oregon Council and through outstanding contributions has benefited the Oregon Council as an organization.
- D. To preserve the integrity of this award it is recommended that it be awarded judiciously and infrequently, but it is not intended that the frequency stipulation deprives truly deserving individuals.
- E. Nominations to be made to the Oregon Council President and require a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

CONSERVATION REPORT:

A PICTURE OF AN UNFOLDING DISASTER IN THE COLUMBIA BASIN

Combined Columbia Basin wild and hatchery steelhead are only running at 22% of the current ten-year average. the lowest numbers in 43 years. And if this were not bad enough, the few fish that are returning this year are facing very warm water temperatures throughout the basin. Water temperatures have consistently been above 66 degrees, with August temperatures rising into the 70s. The graph below shows the adult count at Bonneville Dam on 07 August. Salmon runs are also extremely low.



Even though Oregon has closed steelhead fishing on the North Umpqua as fish counts are only 20% of normal, no action has been taken to date to restrict harvest on the Columbia and its tributaries.

Every year the future for wild salmon and steelhead looks bleaker and bleaker. With the combination of poor ocean conditions, outdated dams, and the intensifying effects of climate change, the response for salmonid managers in the Pacific Northwest (and all US jurisdictions for that matter) seems clear: There must be proactive and conservative management to account for and mitigate these factors.

And as conservation-oriented anglers, we must ask what can we do to relieve the pressure on the fish. Here are some suggestions provided by the Native Fish Society.

CONSERVATION REPORT (cont'd):

- Reduce your fishing effort
- If you fish, do not fish when the water temperatures are higher than 66F
- Use the appropriate tackle to be able to land a wild steelhead quickly
- Use small barbless hooks
- Don't use treble hooks
- Don't fish with bait
- Don't take a wild fish out of the water when you land them
- Read about proper catch and release techniques at [@KeepFishWet](#)
- Don't buy tribal caught steelhead at the market or thru fishing site sales

GOVERNOR BROWN SUPPORTS REMOVAL OF LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS

Governor Brown has published a guest editorial explaining her support for a solution to recover endangered salmon and steelhead in accord with Congressman Simpson's plan that has been proposed. Here is an excerpt from her letter.

"This is not a time for entrenched thinking or political ideology. I was one of the first lawmakers to offer my support when Idaho Republican Rep. Mike Simpson proposed \$33 billion in economic investment to help ensure a healthy future for the Columbia Basin while respecting the history, culture, and rights of the region's Tribal people. Simpson's proposal reflects the clear science: Removal of the Snake River dams must be part of a comprehensive solution for salmon and steelhead in the face of climate change. His proposal also recognizes that the dams cannot be removed without first replacing the essential services they provide, investing most of the \$33 billion in the energy, agriculture, and commodity transport sectors, and calls for a moratorium on litigation."

Here is a link to the full letter.

<https://www.wildsalmon.org/news-and-media/opinion/east-oregonian-guest-opinion-working-together-bold-action-can-secure-a-thriving-future-for-the-columbia-basin.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=58b8fb72-264e-4940-8dfa-0d5812bf92ca>

SOUTH COAST WILD STEELHEAD HARVEST

A new plan has been released by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for managing wild steelhead fisheries on Oregon's southern coastal streams. The [*draft Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan*](#) (RSP) would continue to allow angler harvest of wild steelhead in the southern coastal region — the last place in the contiguous United States where wild steelhead harvest by sport anglers is still allowed.

CONSERVATION REPORT (cont'd):

The RSP provides management direction for Oregon coastal streams from the Elk River to the California border and covers such legendary steelhead waters as the Elk, Sixes, Coquille, and Rogue Rivers. The plan applies to several species of salmonids in these waters, including winter steelhead, summer steelhead, Coho salmon, and coastal cutthroat trout.

Except for a few years, wild steelhead runs across their native range have been in a steady decline for more than two decades. This is as true for southern Oregon coastal streams as it is elsewhere. Until more monitoring of wild steelhead runs and angler impacts can be completed for this region, we are "flying blind" concerning wild steelhead and whether current stocks can sustain harvest fishing without chronic negative impacts to wild populations. In the meantime, a catch and release policy will help ensure we don't trade short-term opportunities for the long-term health of our wild steelhead.

Public comment ended 01 August. The RSP will be updated as needed based on public comments and then presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for review at its Oct. 15, 2021 meeting. Adoption of the conservation plan is currently scheduled for the Dec. 17, 2021 Commission meeting.

ORCFFI GRANT COMMITTEE:

This Darn COVID virus is still with us in Oregon as the newer DELTA variant has raised its ugly tentacles throughout Oregon. As Oregon was starting to relax our standards allowing ORCFFI flyfishing clubs to possibly meet again, the DELTA virus has closed us up again. I belong to the McKenzie Flyfishers in Eugene, OR and we are still not meeting as a group during monthly meetings. Our club has started to have monthly fishing outings in open-air settings.

As you can see from the representative list below, there is a Grant Committee rep in all regions of Oregon. We are here to serve you and answer your questions about grants and the application process. As flyfishing clubs begin meeting again, hopefully, we can start planning for outings and club events. This may inspire you and your Club to put together a grant idea to accommodate your club or the community.

As you start to meet again as a Club, begin thinking about your Club's involvement in community activities, possibly involving conservation activities and teaching activities for kids, instructing club members or your local community, and hook them into the world of fly fishing.

Your Grant Committee is here to serve you and help you along in your 2021 and 2022 goals. We have already sent you the grant documents, application document, and grant applications procedures in the last newsletter. Please remember there are quarterly deadlines for your application so start your grant application planning early.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (2021):

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

DECEMBER 20, 2021

I am here to answer your questions and to help you along in the application process. In addition, we now have Grant Committee members that are available to assist you in every region of Oregon to accommodate you and to help address your localized questions:

- Terry Willis - Grant Committee Chair (Willamette Valley) CL: (541) 968-3390
 - Sherry Steele - (Central Oregon)
 - Jim Crislip - (Northern Oregon)
 - Tom Peck - (Western-Coastal Oregon)
 - Mike Wood - (Southern Oregon)

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS:

Originally posted in the Central Oregon Flyfishers Newsletter – an article, from December 2013, by Yancy Lind, is available on: <http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/steelhead/you-may-be-killing-steelhead-and-not-even-know-it/>

You may be killing steelhead and not even know it!

Steelheaders are generally pretty serious about catch-and-release, but, likely, many are mortally wounding fish without ever knowing it.

There are few species of fish as vulnerable as wild steelhead. These fish are beset on all sides by threats both natural and man-made. With their numbers dwindling, it's safe to say, every steelhead counts. Those of us who fish for them must practice the best catch-and-release practices.

However, common landing practices can kill fish without the angler ever knowing. A team of biologists studying steelhead in British Columbia discovered this problem, quite by accident. These scientists were tagging steelhead with GPS trackers. They determined that the least intrusive way to capture the fish was, well, the same way we do it. With a fly rod. They landed the fish, tagged them with the GPS device, and released them. When they went to their computer to track the fish's progress, they discovered something alarming. Within two hours many of the fish they had tagged, and released in good health, were dead. They collected the fish and performed autopsies to determine what had gone wrong. In every case, the cause of death was head trauma. It turns out that 'steelhead' is a misnomer. The fish's head is, in fact, its most vulnerable spot. When landing the fish, the researchers had played them into shallow water where they would be easy to tail. As the fish came into the shallows they were on longer, fully submerged. Without the resistance of the water surrounding them, their powerful thrashing was able to generate momentum that is not possible underwater. The flopping fish simply hit their heads on a rock. The fish appeared fine when released, but their injured brains began to swell, and soon they were dead. It makes perfect sense if you think about it.

Fish have evolved in an environment where hitting their head on anything with enough force to cause damage is almost impossible. Their brains lack the natural protection enjoyed by terrestrial species. Luckily, this unfortunate outcome is easily avoided. The angler has a couple of good options. Landing fish by hand in knee-deep water is a little tougher but much safer for the fish. You can grab the leader to control the fish long enough to tail it. After a fish or two, it will feel very natural. When possible, it's best to use a good catch-and-release net. This is safest for the fish and easiest for the angler. A net helps you seal the deal while the fish is still fresh and requires little reviving. Always control your fish once he's landed. Keep his gills wet and support his head in case he makes a sudden attempt to escape. Keeping him, dorsal fin up, will keep his range of motion side-to-side, making it harder for him to injure himself. When possible keep him in deeper water. Never beach a fish when landing him and never lay him on the bank for a photo. It's just not worth it. Wild steelhead is a precious resource. Those of us who come to the river looking for them must lead by example and do our best to be good stewards of these remarkable fish. Their future is, literally in our hands.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS (cont'd):

Originally posted in the Central Oregon Flyfishers Newsletter – an article, from August 2010, is an excellent Bill Seitz discussion of the manners and etiquette of our sport

Fly fishing and the golden rule: A primer on the ethics and etiquette of our sport

When and how do fly fishers new to the sport develop a sense of the ethics and etiquette of fly fishing? As an example, I was 10 years old when I started fly fishing. I grew up in central Illinois in the 50s and 60s when hardly anyone in the area knew what fly fishing was all about. No one in my family fly fished; we were a family of "worm dunkers." It was hard to find flies in the local sporting goods stores. It wasn't until many years later that I realized that fly fishing was steeped in tradition and had established ethics and etiquette. I had no one in my family or peers to provide the background of ethics and etiquette that the sport was founded upon. I'm sure many of us started similarly. It seems that not a day goes by that I don't hear about some horror story from a fly fisherperson about some recent conflicts with other fisherpersons (many fly fishing) on the popular lakes, rivers, and streams of central Oregon. Last week, I witnessed several incidents on the Madison River in Montana. During the spring and summer months, our favorite "fishing holes" become crowded. When crowded conditions occur, there is always a chance that tempers will flare and that common courtesy will go out the window. After some discussion with these unhappy folks, one common thread seems to surface – most fly fisherpersons new to the sport do not have a complete understanding of the ethics and etiquette of our sport. Like me in my early years, many did not have mentors to educate them. More on that later. When I read the many books and articles on fly fishing, some general and some specific to a type of fishing or a species such as a steelhead, usually ethics and etiquette are the last subjects covered – almost as an afterthought. However, one book I often refer to is Scott Richmond's *Fishing Oregon's Deschutes River*. Upfront, Scott addresses ethics and etiquette. He offers sound advice in two areas involving behavior on and around the river: Follow the Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you – where "others" include the entire ecosystem. The next piece of advice is to "Be Patient." Most confrontations between anglers or boaters arise from ignorance. He offers a few specific guidelines for all to follow:

- Communicate with other river and lake users – Positive and courteous communications go a long way.
- Ask first – If someone is fishing near an area you want to fish, ask if you will disturb them.
- Don't be a hole hog – Don't monopolize the water for long periods, move on and give someone else a shot.
- Don't wade below an angler swinging flies – Usually, someone fishing a steelhead run with a traditional wet-fly swing is probably working their way downstream. Don't wade in the river below them, or near them on the upstream side. If you are not sure, ask. If you enter downstream, you should stay at least 200 yards from an upstream angler.
- Don't wade close to an angler nymph fishing with an indicator – They could be working up or downstream, so ask before wading in above or below them.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS (cont'd):

- When floating, give bank anglers room – if possible, give wade fishermen a wide berth, staying at least 30 feet away from where they're fishing (not standing).
- Don't pull your boat or a raft into a back eddy until you are sure no one is fishing it.
- Clear out of launching/landing sites quickly.
- Don't block the river when drifting the river in a large group with several boats.
- Give room when passing through rapids, leaving at least 50 yards between you and the craft in front of you.
- Follow the "Rules of the Road" when drifting – Down-river-bound traffic has the right-of-way, and boats should bear right when passing.
- Don't target or harass spawning fish.
- Don't abuse the riparian zone, the thin strip of vegetation along the river.
- Dispose of human waste properly.
- Don't litter.
- Leave an area looking better than you found it.
- Keep dogs and other pets under control.
- Know the rules – Understand the fishing regulations and follow them.
- Manners are contagious!

I would add the following two additional guidelines:

- Show respect for the fish – See the article in the July newsletter on how to release a fish and other newsletter articles that discussed how to catch and release a fish and handling fish in warm water conditions.
- Space boats/float tubes/pontoon boats in lakes – do not get closer than two casting distances to other boats.

As members of the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF), we need to set a good example for others to follow. I urge those members new to the sport to ask the club's "old-timers" at meetings and outings about the ethics and etiquette of fly fishing. On the flip side, the experienced members should be willing to share their beliefs about the ethics and etiquette of the sport with new members. Our collective willingness to follow the ethics and etiquette that I have discussed in this article and past newsletters will help us ensure that fly fishing continues to thrive and be enjoyable for us and future generations. A strong foundation of ethics and etiquette will be increasingly necessary as the number of anglers increases while populations of wild fish, such as steelhead, redbands, and mountain whitefish, and their habitats decrease. As individuals, we are responsible for our actions on the waters of Central Oregon and elsewhere. Let's practice the Golden Rule, show patience, and provide the leadership and mentorship for which COF is known.



Fly Fishers International has opened registration for the inaugural FFI Virtual Expo taking place from November 5-7, with some classes starting as early as Sept 6.

Fly fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport during this one-of-a-kind event focused on education and fun.

The Virtual Expo can be enjoyed right from home and will feature:

- Over 150 interactive, hands-on workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more with experts like April Vokey and conservation partner, Trout Unlimited.
- Offerings for every skill level and all things fly fishing.
- Break-out rooms, social gatherings, and entertaining activities.
- A fly fishing film competition open to anyone with a camera, a love of fly fishing, and a great story to tell.

REGISTER NOW at flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities

The Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International (ORCFFI)

Objectives of the Oregon Council.

The Council is a non-profit membership organization established as a regional extension of the Fly Fishers International, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as (FFI), to cultivate and advance the art, science, and sport of fly fishing as the most sporting and enjoyable method of angling and the way of fishing most consistent with the preservation and use of game fish resources, to be the voice for organized fly fishing, to promote conservation or recreational resources, to facilitate and improve the knowledge of fly fishing, to elevate the standard of integrity, honor, and courtesy of anglers and to cherish the spirit of fellowship among anglers everywhere.

Activities of the Oregon Council

The Council will provide services to individuals, fishing clubs, associations, leagues, or other organizations of anglers, and organizations concerned with the conservation of recreational resources to help them carry out the purposes of the FFI and such of their programs as are consistent with the purposes of the FFI, in their localities.

The Council will publicize improvements in the techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting, and related angling subjects.

The Council will establish and maintain liaison with other organizations of anglers and conservationists and also with governmental agencies concerned with the sport of angling, and keep its members informed of developments of interest to the membership.

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**President Appointed Council Committee Chairs
& Committee Members 2021**

Council President is on all Committees

**Contact Chair to Volunteer on
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Fly Pattern for the 3rd Quarter of 2021:

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Bullet-head Hopper



There are many ways to tie a hopper, however that can be time-consuming and I would rather be catching fish. I use a hopper for trout, large and smallmouth bass. I love watching large fish come up and nail a hopper just after it hits the water with a loud splash. Not exactly finesse fishing but it's fun. I had tried several hopper patterns but the bullet head seems to work very well. I tie this fly with knotted pheasant tail fibers legs since they don't tangle around the line and make the fly float properly. I change the body, leg, and collar color to match the local hopper hatch.

But one thing is for sure – this pattern is a fish-catching machine! Tied in 3 sizes to meet the size requirement for all elevations.

Recipe:

Hook:	TMC 5212 dry fly hook - Size - #6 to #10
Thread:	Grey or Tan, 6/0
Body hackle:	Badger, brown or grey, open palmer
Body:	Pale yellow, grey, or tan poly yarn
Underwing:	Squirrel tail (Yellow, Grey, or Tan) (not always necessary)
Wing:	Mottled turkey wing section, Spayed with clear Krylon
Legs:	Thin section pheasant tail, knotted to form leg joint
Head:	Natural Elk or White-tail Deer

Tying Instructions:

- 1) Start the thread in the front of the hook just behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to the bend of the hook.



- 2) Attach the poly yarn at the 2/3 position and secure it with thread to the base of the tail. Tie in a brown or grey badger hackle by to tip at the base of the tail. (Choose a hackle that is about 2/3 of the hook gape.) Make a few wraps to lock it in with the thread. Wrap the poly yarn forward to the 2/3 position on the shank. Trim and secure with thread wraps.



- 3) Wrap the poly yarn forward to the 2/3 position on the shank. Trim and secure with thread wraps.



- 4) Palmer the hackle forward and secure at the 2/3 position (toward the eye of the hook) Secure with thread and trim off the top of the hackle so that the wing will lay flat across the back.



- 5) Place one of two matched turkey quills with the curve down and the tip pointing up on one side (place it flat against the body). Tie in quill wing, fairly tightly so it does not stick straight out or down. (The wing should not extend just beyond the end of the fly.)



- 6) Take a bundle of elk or deer hair, stack it and hold against hook shank with tips at the eye of the hook. Determine the proper tie-in point "A" on hair. Align tie-in point "A" with the area just behind the hook eye. Push hair down so that hook is in the middle of the hair bundle. Make a loose wrap of thread. Make several more wraps of thread tightly to secure the hair to hook. Make another wrap of thread but don't tighten the thread. Tighten thread down hard. Move forward as you wrap thread to anchor down hair. Notice how my thread goes into the hair. This helps hold down the body by having the thread hold down those last few hairs. Slide fingers holding the hair to the hair butts to make room for the scissors. Clip excess hair.



- 7) Take your right fingers and push hair toward the rear of the hook. Hold hair down overhead. Take another hand and grasp hair to hold against the body. Don't let go of hair with a right hand before the left hand has hair under control. Make a couple of light wraps of thread. Tighten thread down hard. Hair should flair out. Secure with a couple more wraps of thread. You might want to do a couple of whip finish turns and trim the hair from the bottom of the fly.



- 8) Make the legs of the hopper from 6 – 10 strands of pheasant tail. Then take a pair of tweezers, lay them on top of the fibers and pull the fiber ends through – creating a knot. Attach the legs to each side of the body.



- 9) Take the thread and place a whip finisher against the thread as shown.



Top view



Bottom view