



# COLUMBIA BASIN FLY CASTERS March 2015 NEWSLETTER

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## MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month but March, July, and August at Country Gentlemen 9221 W Clearwater Kennewick, WA  
6:00 pm - Wet Fly-no host  
6:30 pm - Dinner - \$15  
7:15 pm - Program - free

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$25/yr Individual&Family  
\$35/yr Business  
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## CBFC CLUB WEBSITE

**CLUB PURPOSE:** To promote the sport of fly fishing, to conserve regional fishing resources, and to encourage friendship and cooperation among all anglers.

**NEXT MEETING:** Annual **Banquet** Saturday, 7 Mar 2015, at Meadow Springs Country Club, Kennewick.

**PROGRAM:** Don't miss this one. Our guest speaker will be [Craig Mathews](#). He is an **author, professional fly tier, guide, outfitter, and active conservationist**. Craig has authored and co-authored nine important books on fishing. His latest, co-authored with Patagonia Inc. founder, Yvon Chouinard, *Simple Fly-Fishing with Tenkara* was released in April 2014. The book has



already sold 40,000 copies and has won two prestigious awards: the Banff Mountain Guidebook of the Year, and the National Outdoor Book Award for a guidebook.

Craig ties about 1,000 dozen flies each year, and he will give a free fly-tying demo at 1 p.

Craig **co-founded 1% for the Planet**, an alliance of businesses donating 1% of their gross sales to approved research and conservation causes. **To date, 1% for the Planet has donated over \$135 million to conservation and environmental programs!**

**Must Buy  
Banquet Tickets  
by COB Tuesday  
March 3rd**  
See page 2 for details.

## UPCOMING FISHING EVENTS

07 Mar Annual CBFC Banquet - Meadow Springs  
18 Mar CBFC Rod-Building Class begins; lasts 5 wks  
11 Apr CBFC Day-Outing to Lenice Lake  
07 May Kids Fishing Day at Columbia Park Pond  
08 Jun CBFC Day-Outing to Leech Lake on White Pass  
11 Jul CBFC Club Picnic  
11 Aug CBFC Weekend-Outing to East Lake, OR

## See You at Rocky Ford or Lenice Lake Soon

*Jim Loomis*, President

The unseasonably nice weather that we have been having lately is an indication that spring is fast approaching. It's time to check our gear and maybe practice some casting in the yard. If you are like me, you have procrastinated long enough and need to replenish your fly box and add some new patterns that you saw in magazines or on television.

The Rocky Ford outing is February 28 and Lake Lenice, along with other pothole lakes, opens on March 1. I am anxious to try some new fishing techniques that I learned from the experts at the Fly Fishing Show. One seminar explained that the biggest trout begin feeding near shore at daybreak, but I'm not sure whether or not I will try to confirm that premise. I hope to see you at Rocky Ford or Lake Lenice soon.

## Get Your Tickets NOW for Annual CBFC BANQUET

The banquet is March 7, 2015 at Meadow Springs Country Club. **Tickets** are \$40 pp and **must be purchased by close of business Tuesday, 3March**. No ticket sales at the door. Get tickets from Sportsman Warehouse or Ranch & Home. You can also get tickets by calling Dale Schielke (509) 375-0183.

**A free fly tying demo by Craig Mathews is at 1p.** No-host cocktails and raffle/auction bidding begin at 5:30p, dinner will be served at 6:45p with world class program to follow dinner. Craig will be talking about Yellowstone waters and Tenkara style fishing. **Don't miss this entertaining and informative evening!**

## Fly-tying Class Going Well

by *Craig Anderson*

The five week CBFC-sponsored Fly Tying classes are **off to a great start** with four classes under our belt. **Twenty-four students** showed up for the first class. Although several dropped out after the first night, they were replaced by drop-ins, including our long-time member Susan Kried. Rumor has it,

Denny is getting her trained to be enslaved tying his favorite damselfly patterns. The class is progressing well, and we have already tied more patterns than were originally scheduled. **Reed Kaldor** and **Craig Anderson** are primary instructors, and helpers have included **Gene Woodruff**, **Rich Holten**, **Fred Riedel**, **Mac Ryan**, **Hyrum Taylor**, **Denny Kried**, **Dennis Collins**, **Mike Wade** and **Ted Poston**. Hopefully, in addition to getting some new tiers making their own flies, we will get some new members out of the classes.

## FREE Rod-Bldg Class Starts Soon

by *John Pfeiffer*

Columbia Basin Fly Casters annually sponsor a class to **help fishers build a fishing rod**. The 5-wk class begins 18 Mar. Students will learn to **assemble a rod from the basic components**: rod blank, line guides, cork handle, reel seat, thread, and epoxy. Members of the Club will demonstrate assembly, and will individually coach students.

The **class is free**, but the students are responsible to furnish all components for a rod of their choice. No tools are required to be provided by students. If you **want to attend**, but did not sign up for the class at the January Sportsman Show, **contact John Pfeiffer, class coordinator (509) 627-5429. And, order your rod kit pronto.** Two excellent sources are [Fishermens Outlet](#) and [Anglers Workshop](#). Contact John for help with a CBFC Club discount on materials from Anglers Workshop. Hope you can attend.



CBFC Club **helpers are needed as usual.**

**Steelheading is like golf: viewed objectively, it makes no sense, but some people like it.**  
source unknown

## Make Reservations for East Lake Club Outing SOON

by *Dennis Kreid*

The **East Lake, Oregon, outing** is scheduled for **August 11 thru 16**. These dates overlap the 50th Anniversary of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Bend, and the Sun River Classical Music Festival. Folks looking for reservations in Sun River or at the East Lake Resort should **make reservations as soon as possible**, since it will be a busy summer in the area. See the February issue of CBRC Newsletter for detailed information about the outing and reservations.

East Lake and its neighbor, Paulena Lake, are **stocked with Kokanee, Brown-, Rainbow-, and Brook-Trout**. Brown Trout as large as 20 pounds have been caught in East Lake. **Watch for article in the July Newsletter by Sheldon Coleman on tips to fish these lakes.**

## Odd Takes at Rocky Ford

by *Mike McWethy*

Fishing Rocky Ford Creek is enjoyable because you can often see a fish, cast to it, and see it respond to your fly. Or, in most cases, not respond. Just above the upper bridge, I was watching a nice trout cruise a circular pattern on my side of the creek. Fishing a black Woolly Bugger, I timed a cast so I could strip my fly upstream just in front of the cruising fish. As planned, it overtook the fly and grabbed it. But, instead of cruising on, the fish turned abruptly toward the bank and buried the fly in the mud. Then it backed up a little and rammed it further into the mud. A totally odd response. With some difficulty I pulled the fly out of the mud and watched to see what would happen next.

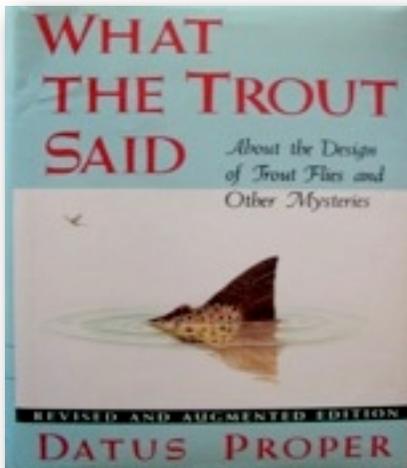
After the fish made another couple of circuits, I tried the same cast and got the same result. That fish buried the bugger even deeper into the mud, acting like it was putting out the garbage. I was glad I hadn't lifted the rod on either take. A really odd response.

## Book Report & Your CBFC Library

by *Rich Holten*

***What the Trout Said*** - *About the Design of Trout Flies and Other Mysteries* by Datus Proper.

Trout do talk – we just have to **listen harder**, and they will tell us what they like and don't like in flies. Datus Proper listened for years. He worked for the U. S. State Department all over the world, and



learned from trout in many places. He wrote this book to help us **design flies that selective trout like.**

He recommends that we trend away from tying flies shown in fly-tying books and magazines, and start tying flies that better represent trout food.

His book addresses fly size, shape, color, and the effects of light. Datus recommends tying approaches for several types of trout food. The chapter on hook selection is one of the best in fly fishing literature, and often cited by other authors. Datus makes you think before you tie.

**This book and many others are available to CBFC members.** Go to the [Club Website](#) to see a list of **books, videos, and DVDs** in the **Club library**. You can check out library items by contacting Rich Holten (521-4291) who will bring requested items to the next Club meeting. Suggestions for library acquisitions that would be of interest to Club members are welcome.

### Tools Explained

**SKIL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

## Best Day Ever on the Green River

by *Mike Berriochoa*

A friend and I had the good fortune to fish the Green River during a **Cicada hatch**. We were fishing during June in Utah **below Flaming Gorge Dam**.



The Brown Trout took about anything we threw at them. An 18-in fish was a small one that day. I **caught a 24-in Brown** that bested my buddy's record. He has fished the Green River for 15 years and never caught one that big. It was **the most amazing day I've ever had fishing**.

## Lenice Lake Lunkers

by *Ron Gilge*

Our **second outing this year** will be to Lenice Lake on Saturday, 11Apr. Meet at 7:15a at the Winco grocery store in Richland. We will leave Winco at 7:30a. Or, you can meet us at the lake. Lenice Lake is about 60 miles north of Richland on Highway 243. Turn right At Beverly (about 5 miles north of Mattawa) onto Lower Crab Creek Road. Proceed about 4 miles to Lenice Lake Parking area. It is **about a 3/8- mile hike from the parking area to the lake**.

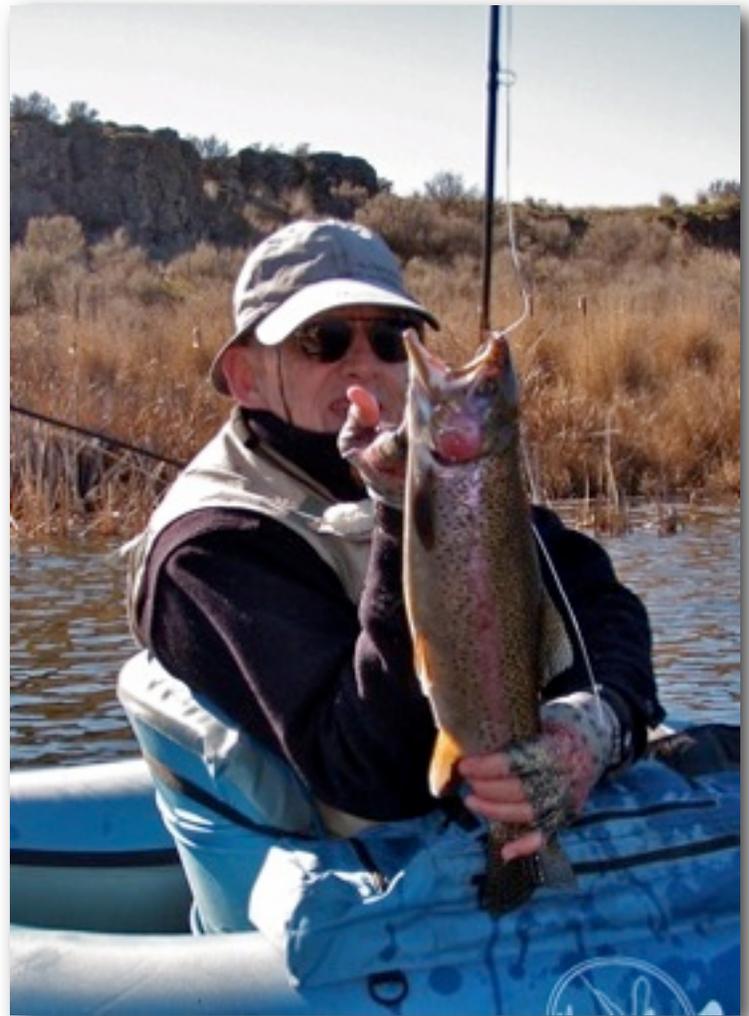
Lenice Lake is a 100 acre selective gear (barbless) fishery. **Rainbow Trout** are most abundant, but there are also some **Tiger Trout** and **Brown Trout**. Effective patterns are chironomids, leeches, scuds, damsel nymphs, and Carey Specials. You will need a pontoon boat or a float tube as wading and shore fishing is limited. You will also need a wheel for your boat or some means to transport it to the lake.

Be sure to bring drinking water, sunscreen, a hat, a PFD, polarized glasses, and appropriate clothing. Be aware that it is often windy. We will **meet about 12:30p at the parking lot for Sloppy Joes and chips**. Please bring your own drinks. If you prefer to stay on the water, bring your own lunch. **If you plan to go please sign up** at the banquet, the April meeting, or eMail [Rod Gilge](mailto:Rod Gilge) (509-585-0747).

## Cure for Cabin Fever

by *Dennis Kreid*

Snagged this 20-in Rainbow while fishing with Rich Holten on **Quail Lake** in mid-February. Really! Sometimes they just run into your hook tail first.



I also caught two more about the same size, and one a little smaller, all on black or olive leeches. Rich got a Rainbow and a Brown about the same size, or maybe a little bigger, using chironomids. The water temperature was 46-F, a little cold, so no bugs were apparent yet. It appears that Quail Lake is living up to its reputation for big fish, but not many of them.

## Lost & Found Insurance

by *Ron Reed*

What you told your buddies was that you “dropped the box of flies accidentally in the river, and watched the box bob out of sight.” What actually happened was, you **left your fly box sitting on a rock** beside the last place you fished ... yesterday! Or much better, you **found a nice box of flies** or other fishing tackle, left sitting on a rock by some forgetful fisher. I know you would surely return that dandy box of flies to the rightful owner, if only you knew how. And, **don't you wish some good sport would return your lost box of flies!**



Well, here's an idea for some **free lost and found insurance**. Stick some of those preprinted return address labels, which periodically show up uninvited in your mailbox, on your fly boxes and other gear that may get misplaced, e.g., camera. **Stick the label on the inside of the box and cover it with transparent tape.** Add your cell phone number, and maybe the finder will call before your week of fishing in paradise is over. It could happen. Not to worry if the label should disintegrate after a couple of seasons. You'll have received plenty more free labels to replace the old ones.

## WEB HOT-LINKS to FISHING STUFF

### FLY TYING

[Fly Tying Forum](#) -Free access to over 6,000 patterns

### OTHER FISHING CLUBS

[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington

[Fly Fishing Clubs](#) in Washington that belong to the International Federation of Fly Fishers

### REGULATIONS

[Idaho Fishing Seasons & Rules](#)

[Oregon Fishing Regulations](#)

[Washington Fishing Regulations & Seasons](#)

[Washington Emergency Rule Updates](#)

### FISHING INFORMATION

[Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Information](#)

[Oregon Fishing Resources and Information](#)

[Washington Fishing & Shellfishing Information](#)

[Columbia Basin Bulletin's](#) objective is to keep readers fully informed about significant developments related to salmon and steelhead recovery and other important Columbia/Snake River Basin fish and wildlife issues.

Current and historical [river and stream data](#) for Washington State by USGS.

### CONSERVATION

[Coastal Conservation Association's](#) purpose is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. CCA's objective is to conserve, promote, and enhance present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public

## Damsel Fly Nymph

by Dennis Kreid



Hook: 10/12/14 2x long, down-eye nymph  
Tail/body: olive and brown marabou feathers  
Eyes: small, black, bead chain or short piece of small chenille  
Thread: 6/0 black

Flatten hook barb. Dress hook shank to the bend. Return thread to within 1/16 inch of hook eye. Tie bead eyes on top with figure-8 wraps. Apply glue to secure eyes. Select 6 long marabou feathers, 3 each of brown and olive. With even tips extending a hook shank length behind the bend, tie feathers down at the top of bend. Wrap feather butts around thread about 4 times to form a twisted feather-thread bundle. Wrap the bundle around shank up to beads. Tie bundle behind beads, then pass bundle forward between the beads. Make one wrap around shank and tie down. Whip finish and apply head cement.

This fly will sink if allowed to. For a neutral density fly that will stay close to the surface on retrieve, substitute a short piece of small, stiff, black chenille for the bead eyes.

Fishing Technique: When adult Damsels are not visible, fish with nymphs near the bottom. Damsel nymphs swim with a slow undulating motion. To imitate this behavior use a sinking line, the fly with bead-chain eyes, and a very slow-twitch retrieve. Get the fly as near the bottom as possible. When adult Damsels are visible, use the neutral density nymph with a floating line, and the same slow twitching retrieve. Cast along reed beds where you see adults hatching. You can sit in the reeds and pull the fly toward shore to imitate nymphs swimming to the reeds to hatch. Early in the season use size 14's. Work up to size 10's as the season progresses.

## Damsel Fly Adult

by Dennis Kreid



Hook: 10/12 2x long, down-eye dry fly  
Tail/body: Sky blue poly yarn  
Post: White poly yarn  
Hackle: Grizzly  
Wing: Pearl crystal flash  
Thread: 6/0 black

Flatten hook barb. Dress hook shank to the bend. Return thread up near the hook eye. About 3/16 inch from hook eye, attach an inch-long, small bundle of white, poly yarn across top of shank using figure-8 wraps. Pull yarn ends up and wrap thread around yarn just above the shank to form a post with a 1/8-in tall thread base. Apply cement to thread base of post to make it firm and secure. Next tie in one end of about 2 1/2-in of single-ply, blue yarn behind the post with butt toward post. This yarn will become the extended abdomen of the fly. Then fold yarn back and tie over the butt. This will prevent the yarn from pulling out during next step. Firmly attach hackle pliers to end of yarn. Twist the yarn until it begins to twist back on itself, making a two-ply yarn. Lightly pinch the length of single-ply, twisted yarn in the middle, and fold the tag end back along the forward part, allowing the single-ply yarn to twist around itself to become two-ply yarn. Firmly tie the two-ply yarn to the shank behind the post, creating about a 1-in abdomen. Tie 4 strands of crystal flash across the shank behind the post using figure 8 wraps. Fold the crystal flash back to resemble wings that splay out to the sides. Finally secure a grizzly hackle to the post and wrap around the post parachute style. Tie off and apply cement to base of post. Trim the poly post leaving long enough for good visibility.

Fishing Technique: When adult Damsels are visible, fish with a greased floating line and cast your adult fly as near the reeds as you can. Cast into openings in the reeds when you can. Then get ready, strikes are often explosive!

# CBFC Board Meeting Minutes

## 24 February 2015

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: **Jim Loomis, Marty Ottem, Mike Wade, Ron Reed, John Strand, Rich Weaver, Rich Holten, Dale Schielke**

Visitors: **Ted Poston, Dennis Kreid**

**Conflict of Interest** – None noted for any upcoming activities.

**Secretary's Report** – **Mike Wade** presented the minutes from the January, 2015 meeting. One correction was made (spelling error) and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Marty Ottem** presented the Profit and Loss Statement and monthly financial summary. The Club's finances remain in good shape. The final budget for 2015 was discussed and approved by the Board. **Ted Poston** reported that the annual financial audit has been completed with no issues identified.

**VP Membership Report** – **Rich Holten** reported that the membership renewal is going well with 96 paid to date. A number of new members have joined in the past year and the club has the potential of having 118 members. A reminder will be added to the newsletter that memberships will be dropped if dues are not paid by the end of March.

**Programs Report** – **Craig Anderson** was absent, but he provided an email report that the fly collection for the Banquet Raffle is going well. Arrangements for Craig Mathews of Blue Ribbon Flies to be the speaker at the Annual Banquet in March have been completed. Mike Wade will speak at the April meeting and share his experiences fly fishing in Chile. David Paul Williams will speak at the May meeting on saltwater beach fishing.

**Newsletter Editor's Report** – **Ron Reed** reported that he will publish the newsletter early this month in order to get the Banquet reminder to the members before the ticket sale deadline of noon on Saturday.

### **Other Business –**

**Bylaws update** – The proposed changes to the Bylaws identified at the January, 2015 meeting were discussed and approved by the Board. Any club member who would like a copy can contact Mike Wade.

**Newsletter** – The archive of club newsletters is a combination of hard copies and electronic copies, stored in a variety of locations. To make access to these historical records easier, the Board approved a project to retrieve available hard copies and have them scanned to digital media. They will be combined with the existing electronic copies and entered into the club library. **Rich Weaver** volunteered to assist Ron Reed in this effort. In addition, the current year's newsletters will be made available on the club website.

**Annual Banquet** – **Dennis Kreid** reported that the plans and activities for the Annual Banquet are well under way and on track. To date, 73 tickets have been sold. The deadline for ticket sales is noon on February 28.

**Casting for Recovery** – **Ted Poston** presented additional information about the Casting for Recovery breast cancer support program. He has been in contact with the organization to determine ways in which the club can assist them. He has volunteered to be the coordinator of a project to solicit volunteers and other region fly fishing clubs to participate.

**Outings** – **Ted Poston** reported that the outing to Rocky Ford Creek on February 28 has 35 members registered to attend. **Dennis Kreid** requested that the annual picnic hosted at the Kreid residence be scheduled for July 7. The Board approved the request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Mike Wade, Secretary**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Columbia Basin Fly Casters  
Post Office Box 791  
Richland, WA 99352 2015

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal, no change in address/phone/  
email

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Family Member(s) or Business

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### ANNUAL DUES:(Please Check One)

Please make checks payable to CBFC

- Family Membership (\$25)
- Business Membership (\$35) Includes  
business card size advert in all newsletters.  
Send artwork as xxx.jpg digital file to editor
- Prefer to receive Newsletter by eMail
- Need to receive hardcopy of Newsletter

Who can we thank for referring you to our  
Club?  
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To be completed by Treasurer:

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Membership Database updated: \_\_\_\_\_

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### KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE CBFC MEMBERS?

Please forward a copy of this newsletter  
to them, and bring them to the next meeting.

tight lines and BIG fish.  
Ron Reed, Newsletter Editor

**FISHERS:** Please submit your fish stories,  
reports, and pictures for future Newsletters.  
Even BIG fish tales are OK. Also, tell us where  
to, when to, how to, what to use to catch the  
BIG one. Also, what's your favorite fishing  
accessory, book, magazine? Please eMail text  
as MS-filename.doc or Apple-filename.pages.  
Prefer original, unedited image files in  
(filename.jpeg) format. Also, please identify  
people in your photographs. **Deadline for  
submissions is first day of month for that  
month's issue.** If your article cannot be used  
for the next issue, it will be held in a stockpile of  
articles for future issues. [Ron Reed, editor.](#)