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The McKenzie Messenger

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"He who is content to not catch fish will have his time and attention free for the accumulation of a thousand experiences". Sparse Grey Hackle in *Fisherman's Guide to Life*, 2004.

FEBRUARY 16th PROGRAM— Stevie Brehm

Jeff Morgan presenting: **Winter Flyfishing**

"You will find Jeff Morgan to be wise beyond his years ..." Frank W. Amato.

Our guest this month is Oregon flyfishing author Jeff Morgan. Jeff has written three flyfishing books and is working on a fourth titled Winter Flyfishing.

His three works include: Small-Stream Fly-Fishing, published by Frank Amato; The Oddballs (with photos from our own Arlen Thomason) focusing on the ecology and imitation of parts of the trout diet often

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CALENDAR

- BOARD MEETING on the first Wednesday on the month from 7-9pm in the Market of Choice Conference Room, unless announced otherwise. Next month date: March 4, 2015.
- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting on the third Monday from 5:30 to 9:00pm at Lewis and Clark Catering next to the Mercedes dealership on MLK. Next month's date: March 16, 2015.
- ANNUAL PICNIC: in July
- ANNUAL AUCTION: in November.
- HOLIDAY PARTY: in December .

Prez Sez -- JIM WILLIAMS

In case the parking lot at Lewis & Clark Catering is full arrangements have been made to park at the adjacent restaurant, Kaloons.

The February meeting promises to be a great one. see you on Monday, February 16th.

Jim Williams, President

JANUARY 19th PROGRAM-- Stevie Brehm (Cont'd from P1)

overlooked by anglers; and Jeff's first book, *An Angler's Guide to the Oregon Cascades*. This is my favorite. It was his senior honors thesis at OSU and was described by Gary LaFontaine as "the best regional flyfishing guide I've ever read." Jeff also writes for *Westfly* with tips, tactics and fly patterns.

For our meeting, Jeff will be speaking about the nuances of winter fishing. Winter can be the best time of the year to catch large trout in the our local rivers and, at times, the dry fly fishing can has be surprisingly good! :)

Join us Monday February 16th starting at 6 pm at Lewis & Clark Catering. Bring a friend as we all learn more about enjoying our year 'round flyfishing bounty.

Ofishially, **Stevie**

PS. for a little sample of Jeff's writing I invite you to peruse the *Westfly* link below about spring midges.

http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/feature-article/0104/feature_507.php

Jeff's Fab Five Midge Pupa Patterns

2015 Club Dues Are Due - - Gary McKenney

Hi Flyfishers,

There still are 30 members who have not paid their 2015 **McKenzie Flyfishers** club dues.

Dues must be paid by the last day of February to maintain your club membership.

The annual dues amount is \$45.00 for a Regular or Couple Membership, or \$35 for Associate Members. Payment may be made at the February membership meeting or by mail. Except for Life Members there is an addition \$12 per year fee to receive the club newsletter via U.S.Post.

If paying by mail, please send your payment to:

**McKenzie Flyfishers
c/o Bob Rasmussen
2449 Charnelton St
Eugene, OR 97405-3213**

Please give me a call or email with any questions about your membership.

Thank you,

Gary McKenney
Membership Committee

FLY TYING? – Clint Brumitt

I am curious, is there any interest in having a fly tying class?

If you are so interested, please forward this email back to rcbrumitt@comcast.net

Please respond to the following:

As a tyer I am:
beginner
intermediate
advanced

I could help assist if there is a strong demand:
Yes

No

Most importantly.....

Here is a suggestion as to where small groups could meet to hold the class

Type in a suggestion.

If we have some demand, then we can decide when and where and how long.

Clint Brumitt

Siuslaw Report -- Jim Dougher

Hello all.

For you fellow hardware slingers and die-hard fly fishers here is a report on fishing conditions on the Siuslaw River and Lake Ck as of this morning (Thursday)

Son Nick and I visited the Whitaker-Wildcat area first.

Water very off-color - i.e. brown

River height about 10 ft and dropping

No boats

Whitaker ramp: clear

Wildcat ramp: water lapping at bottom of incline

Several bank fishers, several "lookers" like us

No fish caught

Whitaker Ck:

Water running at winter level and clear.

One 36 inch ironhead below the trap.

Intake to trap looked to be above water level.

On to Lake Ck.:

Several bank fisherpersons between Mapleton and Swisshome, no boats

Several more bankers on Lake Ck and one boater putting in at Deadwood landing
Lake Ck running high and dark, but dropping and clearing.

Caught 2 small cuts at Indianola landing from the bank

Here is the web site for the Siuslaw.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=pqr&gage=mplo3>

I may or may not be at Liars lunch tomw. If not, I'll be on the river. Anyone interested?

Fri, Sat and Sun all ought to be good conditions if the weather holds.

Jim

ODFW Change to Hosmer Lake Stocking— Ted Taylor

ODFW switches to new trout stocking regime for Hosmer Lake. Changes will be described at a Feb. 17 meeting

BEND, Ore. -- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will outline changes to the fish stocking program at Hosmer Lake at a Feb. 17 meeting in Bend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Oregon Community College Campus, Health Careers Center, Room 230.

The trout stocking program at Hosmer Lake was changed in 2013 to see if cutthroat and "Cranebow" rainbow trout would provide a better fishing experience than the Atlantic salmon. Atlantic salmon had been stocked in Hosmer since the 1950s, but in recent years they have performed poorly in the fishery – rarely attaining the size or catch rate favored by anglers. In 2014 ODFW did not collect any Atlantic salmon eggs but continued to monitor the new cutthroat and Cranebow fisheries. Cranebow rainbow trout are hatchery fish derived from wild redband trout found in Crane Prairie Reservoir.

After a year of monitoring and angler surveys, ODFW plans to discontinue stocking Atlantic salmon in favor of cutthroat and Cranebow trout. ODFW staff will present the results of a 2014 survey of Hosmer Lake anglers and describe future stocking plans for the lake.

"Our management objective for Hosmer Lake calls for us to provide a unique, quality fishing experience," said Brett Hodgson, ODFW fish biologist. "During the last season we have been evaluating which featured species could provide the best fishing experience."

Based on information collected during the 2014 season, only 16 percent of anglers at Hosmer

Lake specifically targeted Atlantic salmon. In fact, a majority of the anglers had no preference as to species. In addition, 81 percent of those surveyed rated the quality of the fishing as good or extremely good.

For years, Hosmer Lake has been the only place in Oregon where anglers could fish for Atlantic salmon and Hodgson said he also considered the cost of the Atlantic salmon stocking program when making his decision. Dedicating space at Wizard Falls hatchery to raise only 3,000 Atlantic salmon was not a very efficient use of resources, he said.

"I understand that there are anglers disappointed about ending the Atlantic salmon program," Hodgson said. "But I've also heard from many anglers who like the idea of fishing for big Cranebows in the lake."

Despite changes in the stocking program, some popular elements of the fishery at Hosmer Lake will not change.

"ODFW will continue to manage Hosmer Lake as a fly angling only fishery," Hodgson said. "And beginning in 2016, it will be catch-and-release only for rainbow and cutthroat trout."

Historically, Hosmer Lake did not have a native fish population. ODFW began stocking the lake in 1929 in order to provide additional fishing opportunity in this scenic mountain lake. Over the years, Hosmer has been stocked with rainbow trout, Atlantic salmon and brook trout. While ODFW no longer stocks brook trout, a naturally-reproducing population is part of a very popular fishery.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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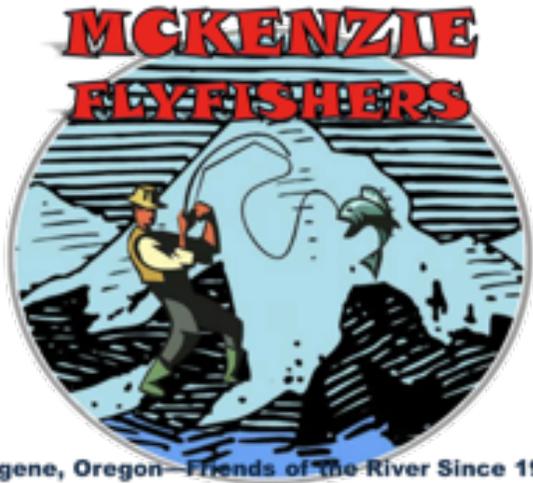
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Club President: Jim Williams



MFF Club Statement of Purpose

The McKenzie Fly Fishers comprise a group of people who share an interest in fly fishing and water conservation. The Club was conceived and organized in April of 1964 to:

1. **Enjoy social contact** with others interested in fly fishing.
2. **Encourage fly fishing** as a method of angling, and
3. **Protect and increase the fishery resources.**

Membership is open to any person over 21 years of age who is interested in fly fishing. General club membership meetings, board meetings, and fishing outing are open to the public.

An Invitation to Join

You do not have to be an expert fisher to join our group. We have a monthly meeting to share tall tales of fish caught and lost, eat a fine buffet meal, and listen to an expert guide or practitioner of our sport teach us a few of the finer points of the art. There is a cash bar and many of us arrive around 5:30 pm to sip a beverage and chew the fat.

Joining our club gives you access to the expertise and insight of its membership. Many of us have years of experience and knowledge about fly casting, fly tying, and fly fishing in general. Some may even be persuaded to share the location of their "secret" fishing hole. There are occasional clinics in tying, rod building, and casting, as well as a chance to understand insects and their role in our fishing experience from well known biologists in the club.

Campouts and day trips are also arranged every month or so at nearby fishing locations and the camaraderie and social interaction on and off the water is thoroughly enjoyed by the members. If you are interested in our club, call our **Membership Chair, Al Eckerdt** at 541-683-4265.

2015 Dues (Regular = \$45) can still be paid without serious consequences. Save a stamp (and phone calls from our Collections Dept.) and bring a check to the meeting next week, or mail it to Treasurer, Bob Rasmussen.