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# The McKenzie Messenger

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As many of you know Bob Howell is with family and away from the newsletter duties. We are making do as best we can. Our meeting is Monday, March 16th at Lewis & Clark Catering where we have met this past year.

## MARCH 16th PROGRAM— Mike Starr, Program Committee

**Dave Hughes** will be our speaker in March. Dave has been fly fishing since he was a teenager, growing up in Astoria and fishing the small, coastal streams and creeks for cutthroat trout.

Dave is a prolific author and has written fly fishing articles for *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Field and Stream*, among other publications and his article is a regular feature the *Fly fishing and Tying Journal*. He is the author of numerous books on our sport, including *An Angler's Astoria*, *Reading the Water*, *Trout from Small Streams*, *Matching Mayflies*, *Nymph Fishing and Nymphs for Streams and*

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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



The sport we all love so much is complete with emotional hooks...the streams and lakes...the planning...the equipment...the anticipation...the catching...the sharing...the reminiscing...the people....

THE PEOPLE! How lucky are we to have a good fishing buddy or two or

three! One can surely fly fish by oneself but most of us will agree having someone along to share the day adds to our enjoyment. These friendships can be so enduring that in time these individuals know you and care about you like few others in your life. Of course the feeling you have towards them is mutual.

The recent passing of Dan White highlights the anguish one feels when a good fishing friend is no longer here. The recent emails posted on this board witnessing about Dan the man, the angler, highlights the gift we are given when such a

person comes into our lives. I had met Dan once or twice but never had the opportunity to either fish with him or really get to know him. Many of you reading this message were blessed by his presence.

In my drift boat I have a black brass plate engraved with the words "Heavenly Anglers". Over the years I have been blessed to fish with a number of family and friends who share my love of fly fishing. The engraving goes on to say: "You may be gone but you're not forgotten. Thanks for sharing the excitement of a fly rod bending, the sound of a reel singing and the joy of letting a fish go to swim another day." The names of these individuals are inscribed on the plate.

New people who get in my boat read the engraved black brass plate and often ask me about the people listed. Those who ask I tell them a bit about each person and how lucky I was to have fished and to have known them. They often witness about people in their lives who also loved to fish and how they enriched their lives. Dan, you may be gone but you will not be forgotten by those who knew you.

**Jim Williams, 541-359-6828**

## MARCH 16 PROGRAM (Cont'd from Pg 1) Mike Starr

***Stillwater, Tactics for Trout, and Trout Rigs and Methods***, among others. Dave and Rick Hafle collaborated to write ***The Complete Book of Western Hatches***, the bible of fly patterns and entomology for the waters we fish. Few, if any, have written more about fly fishing than Dave.

Dave's presentation at this month's meeting will be ***Reading Trout Water***.

It will help you to concentrate your fishing time in waters where the trout hang out and thereby eliminate the waste of time in fishing non-productive waters, this being the best way to increase your catch. Dave will also tie some favorite flies and have his books available for purchase. This is a program that you do not want to miss!

Mike Starr

## FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMS - - Dan Robinhold, Sr.

April 20—Ryan Couture, Oregon Hatchery Research Center. He will give an overview of the research center activities and current projects they are working on.

May 18--Will feature club members and Doug Caven, past press. McKenzie River

Guides Association and river guide. the topic is Health and Safety

June 15— Greg Taylor, COE fishery biologist discussing the McKenzie Salmon recovery plan

## CALL FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR - - Jim Williams

One of the great aspects of our 50+ year old Club is the many volunteers who have stepped up in a leadership capacity. Of course, the ultimate example is Bill Nelson, Club Founder.

I was heartened, when to a person, those I asked to serve on the 2015 Board and Committee Chairs said "yes". Now, we have a need to fill the vacant **Newsletter Editor** position.

Bob Howell served four years as Editor. He stepped down because of family needs.

**BOB STANDS READY TO TRAIN AND HELP YOU** should you be interested. He is happy to visit with YOU as to the demands of the position.

Bob's email address is:

bobhowello5@gmail.com. His phone number is 541-505-7623.

Feel free to contact me as well. I am confident the satisfaction of serving the Club in this important position will be beyond expectation.

Jim Williams 541-359-6828

## WELCOME THE NEWEST CLUB MEMBER: WILL WALSH -- Al Eckerdt

The board approved our newest member last week. His name is **Will Walsh**, who has been fly fishing for 30 years and he also is a custom rod builder (both carbon and bamboo). Will was referred to the club by Dan Brock. Will and his wife Elizabeth enjoy being

outdoors, sailing and not working. He is interested in outings and special projects as a MFF member. Will and his wife live in McKenzie Bridge, and we look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

## OUTINGS - - Clint Brumitt

Last, but certainly not least is the partially completed outing schedule. The first club outing is the traditional trip to the casino at Florence for breakfast and then on to Munsel Lake for the stocked trout. It is always a fine day, sometimes even the weather cooperates more than the fish. Other times it is reversed. Mark your calendar for March 28th at Munsel Lake. Fishmaster is Jeff DeVore and he will be serving his gourmet hot dogs and baked beans. There is always a surprise treat or two as well. I am sure there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Each participant will be expected to pay for a share of the lunch. Bring your wallet. Munsel Lake is a Lane County park and there is a need to have an up to date park pass. You can purchase the daily one at the parking lot, or you can go to Bi-Mart and get an annual pass.

If you have the federal govt golden age card for those over 62, the county park pass is half price.

The outings calendar would be farther along except one fishmaster decided it was more important to go fishing in New Zealand than to pick a date for the Diamond Lake outing. Or the outing chairman should have been smart enough to begin the job sooner. Anyway, we will post the calendar below. Two outings are in need of a fishmaster. The Davis Lake outing in July and the No. Fk of the Middle Fork outing needs both a date and fishmaster. After Bob Bumsteads fine presentation at a recent meeting, a lot of folks got excited to learn more about this find stream.

### 2015 Outings

### McKenzie Fly Fishers

Location	Date	Species	Fishmaster
Munsel Lake ***	March 28, 2015	Trout	DeVore
Diamond Lake***	April/May (TBD)	Trout	Mark Rauch
Deschutes***	May 14-17 @South Jct.	Trout	Gail Campbell
Lenice Lake***	June 4-9	Trout	Jim Williams
Town Run***	June 19-20	Steelhead	Gary McKenney
Davis Lake***	July (TBD)	Trout/Bass	****
Gold Lake***	Oct. 3rd - 5th	Brook Trout	McFF Board
Miller Lake***	Sept. 18th - 20th	Trout	Bruce Anderson
North Umpqua***	October (TBD)	Steelhead	Matthew Kirk
Kalama Cup***	October 15, 2015	Methow River	Evergreen FF Club
N Fk, MFk Willamette		Trout	****
Crooked River	Nov (TBD)	Trout	Bob Howell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Oregon Council Fly Tyers Expo, Albany, OR March 13 and 14.

Among the many and varied events of this fine Friday and Saturday in the Spring is the special booth that will feature two club authors. Skip Hosfield and Bill Laing have each written books and will signing copies for anglers. Skip has written a memoir titled, "Back Casts" and Bill has penned his book titled, "Waiting For The Hatch Watching For The Rise". In addition to the 50 plus years of membership, these two fine men are sharing some of stories they have experienced. I have had the pleasure of reading Bill's book and I am going to buy some extras for gifts to friends who fish.

**Clint Brumitt**

## 2015 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### 2015 Board of Directors

#### Officers:

President: **Jim Williams**  
 President-Elect: **John O'Conner**  
 Secretary: **Dave Thomas**  
 Treasurer: **Mike Layne**

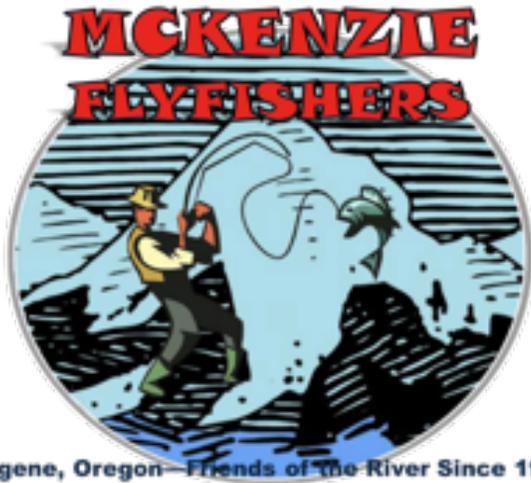
#### At-large Board:

**Carolyn Mason**  
**Clint Brumitt**  
**Mark Campbell**  
**Sparky Rice**

#### Committee Chairs:

Outings: **Clint Brumitt**  
 Membership: **Al Eckardt/Eban Dobson**  
 Conservation: **Arlen Thomason**  
 House/Raffle: **Tom Fauria/  
 John Ranstad**  
 Website: **Liz Yocom**  
 Newsletter: **VACANT**  
 Library: **Ted Taylor**  
 Auction: **Lee Lashway**  
 Programs: **Dan Robinhold, Sr**  
 Holiday Party: **Paul Kaplan**  
 ODFW Lawsuit: **Arlen Thomason/  
 Dave Thomas/  
 Bob Rasmussen**

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### **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 outings 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 a 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.

