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PROGRAM

"Because I Can't Dance"

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My wife often reminds me that one of the tragedies of her life is that she married a man who can't dance. The truth is, I don't want to dance. I'd much rather go fishing. So this presentation is a survey of eleven outstanding wild trout fisheries in Southern Oregon and Northern California I learned about while avoiding dancing.

Oregon fisheries included are the Klamath River (several sections) and Mann Lake. Some of the California destinations are the Sacramento, Pit and McCloud Rivers, the Caribou Wilderness and a couple of famous spring creeks. The story of each is told from the perspective of a passionate and inquisitive angler.

President's Message

It is feeling a lot like Thanksgiving! What you Say? What is wrong with you, Mr. President? Well, other than a few aches and pains, I'm here to tell you that I'm extremely thankful this time of year.

Some of you might have guessed that I'm talking of our auction fund raiser. For those of you who were able to attend, my hope is that you had a great time. Perhaps you even went home with a little something. For those of you who could not attend, well, there is always next year. Or you might like to just give a cash donation or put us in your will. You have seen or heard of the projects that we've undertaken in the past, know deep down in your hearts that we have the conservation practice imbedded in ours as a group.

It looks like we have raised just under \$7000 for this year's campaign. I want to thank everyone who contributed items for the auction and to those who gave those items a home. We couldn't have done this without everyone's participation in one form or another.

Special thanks go out to the members and nonmembers of our club that pitched in to pull off a wonderful evening. Randy Dodge did another terrific job at the podium, as the auctioneer.

To those of you who helped in the set up on Friday and Saturday:

Jon Iverson, Mary Cadman (yes Mary, confession is a wonderful thing), Jan Rowe, Julie MacDiarmid, Theresa Schumacher, Greg Altenhofen, John Bjorkholm, Jerry Haynes, Peter Wu, and our very own Kellie Christensen, I say THANK YOU!!!

To some of my best friends who donated their time to help in the Silent Auction, Steve & Deb Childs, Scott & Joyce Eason, Jake Kolaso, Bob Lent, and my wonderful wife Pam, I owe you all a lot because with your help you allowed our club members to enjoy the Auction and not work it.

And there is one BIG BEHIND THE SCENES person worth mentioning and he is our wonderful club member, "MICK CUFFE". He went out and procured many items for the auction. If you have not seen him at the meetings lately, it is because he doesn't drive at night anymore. But he sure worked his bottom off during the day for us. So if you see him out and about be sure to give him a big thank you.

So doesn't feel a little like Thanksgiving.

Now we should all go fishing now that this event is over for a year. Let's start making plans for the Annual Hank Rogers Picnic in July. If you haven't heard, this year's picnic will be held at TouVelle State Park. Keep your eyes and ears open for this event in July

If I Had My Druthers

Otis D. Swisher

Pea soup green, please, and not too thick. About a foot of visibility will do very nicely, thank you.

And so, the 10th of February, 2014 drift from Takelma Park to Dodge Bridge began. After weeks of early morning fog and cold, the sun came out, the temperature rose to the high 50's, and there was a short winter break for Paul Rickerson, the oarsman, and me.

Now, I've fished dry flies successfully in yellow-muddy water conditions when the mid-day hatch was going on; but, this color was different. I'd say unusual.

While Paul prepared the boat for launching, I saw rising fish off the boat ramp. A good sign for the day, came on a far out cast when an 11-inch rainbow smacked my dry. A wild fish. Nice activity for my 3-wgt rod.

We usually are prepared to fish indicators for steelhead, but carry along the lighter tackle, already set up in case we come across rising fish. So, the first mile of river we tried the bottom dredging with the heavy nymph and small trailer.

Water looked good. Flow was up slightly, and the 2-day rain seemed to have "freshened" the water. But, none of the old standby places produced for us.

Then, at "Vince's Hole", named for my long-time fisher friend, rising fish began to show themselves. Let me digress to explain why it's called Vince's Hole. Years ago, I fished river Left from the boat after putting Vince out to wade river Right. There we were, he wading with a dense background of rank riparian behind him which limited his casts to 35-40 feet. But, what success he had in those 40 feet...4 steelhead.

And, there I was in the boat opposite him, fishing the Left half of the river. And, for every steelhead he caught, I matched his output. Now, isn't that a good enough reason to call this "Vince's Spot?"

Today, years later, I went to my #14 O's blue dun and my first Cutthroat of 13-inches was on and another five fish followed suit.

There is a second spot less than 100-yards downstream where Cutthroat hang in the slower water just a few feet out from the bank. The Cutts were active again today, one with six porpoise-like jumps; 3 to 4 feet, side-to-side jumps, and a foot or so out of the water.

Another half-mile below this spot you can see the Bald Eagle nest, river Right. The river has changed in the last few years. A huge cottonwood is the point of attack for the river flow. In the slower water a fish rose. Way out. So, strip, strip, strip, strip, strip, to get out 45 feet of line, and on the second drift down the "feeding lane" the #14 blue dun became the object of a huge head and six-inches of fish body behind it. Turned out to be 16-inches of the most beautiful trout of the Rogue System, a Cutthroat.

It didn't end there. Catfish is a well-known spot to fish and we like it near a rock complex. I'd tell you where this complex is but it is one of three so I'll let you find it for yourself. While I was catching wild fish of 11-inches and greater on my blue dun, Paul took his first steelhead of 2014. A bright fish, with a big gut, it was obviously a winter fish of 28-inches; beautiful to look at though not as strong nor as active as winter fish are supposed to be.

Nevertheless, this was a great day in February to be on the river. And, I can close my eyes and can see the color of the water. If I have my druthers, I'll take split-pea soup green, thank you.

BEAR CREEK WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM (May 23rd)

WOW!!! Take a guess on how many folks from your club shared their skills this year? We had TWENTY-FIVE members making their impressions on 196 of our community's kids with casting and tying instruction. Last year we had a good volunteer turnout, but this year topped that. Here they are: Julie and John MacDiarmid, Steve Haskell, Richard Traister, John Ward, Robert Parker, Dick Chambers, Rich Fiebelcorn, Edmund Danieli, Otis Swisher, Jon Iverson, Mick Cuffe, Dale Heath, John Corson, Jack Knox, Len Alison, Adam Wright, Ronald Naumann, Gary Miller, Jim Saunders, Dennis Remick, Tom Beveridge, Jay Daley and Joe Powell.

Symposium organizer, Rebecca Slosberg put it this way, "It was so wonderful to walk around and see you all interacting with the students. It is a great opportunity for students to learn from you."

Again, cuddos go out to Will at Ashland Fly Shop for discounting our supplies and to Tom Collett for sending out the e-mails that bolstered our ranks. Julie MacDiarmid also spent extra time helping to prep materials. If you want to put a smile on a kid's face, add this event to your calendar for next May. Thanks to all those that helped pull this off.

Ken Bonsi



Seasonal

June is the season for springer salmon, salmon flies, and suction dredgers starting on June 15th. This summer should be a little more tolerable in that there should be fewer dredgers to contend with. They should be separated by at least 500 feet and are not allowed to be unattended. They should also be removed from the water every night.

Just having a law doesn't mean that everyone will comply. Some miners have said that they will not comply and urge others to ignore the new law, SB838. Here is the link so you can read it for yourself <http://legiscan.com/OR/text/SB838/id/872158>. It will be interesting to see how much resistance there is to this new law.

It is also the season for increased contact with politicians who seem more willing to talk with voters when elections are on the horizon. Asking for their views on environmental issues might be in order. I personally prepare questions ahead of time to be properly prepared when the time arrives. Ask the question that will illicit something more than the benign stock non-answer. It might be something like this. "The miners always make a point of their incidental removal of mercury as being a good public service. A USGS Survey (<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2686#.U29fgty4klI>) and (<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3455&from=rss-.U29gPdy4klJ>) has concluded that it actually becomes methylmercury and redistributes much of the methylmercury in such a way that it actually enters the food chain and can harm humans. Are you aware of this problem and what are your thoughts on this issue?"

Ask the question that forces them to actually give real answers. A non-answer makes them look out of touch. How you do it also matters. In person, e-mail, snail mail, or letters to the editor, can all be good. In person at a public meeting can be very effective.

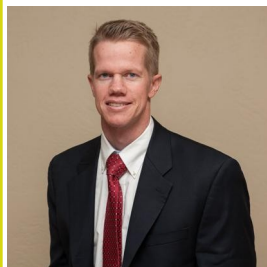
Spring on out there and go fishing. Tom Collett

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Miller Lake outing

The Miller Lake outing is set for June 27-29, and I plan to go over on the 26th. Hope you can join us!

Miller Lake is located about 12 miles west of Chemult. To get there, take the route to Diamond Lake and then take Hwy 138 to Hwy. 97. Then left to Chemult, and there is a sign on the north edge of Chemult directing a left turn to Miller Lake.

The notorious road? No longer notorious! I made a recent side trip to check it out and found it to be about the same as last year. Don't tell anyone but you can comfortably drive 40mph over most of the road, 30mph in a few places. Very little wash boarding now.

Once there you will find a pleasant USFS campground with a day use area, boat launch and dock. I like spaces 33 to 37 for camping because they are closest to the lake. I usually beach my boat at night rather than trailering it. The campground has running water but no electricity or store. I always take some water just in case. Not many people except on holiday weekends.

The lake is known for large brown trout (but to be honest, I don't know why as I have yet to catch one!) The advantage is that you can fish at night on this lake. Speed is limited to 10 mph, and lights would be advisable even if not required. It is planted annually with rainbows and browns. You can dry fly fish along the shore or midge or wind drift. Lots of choices. Not many maps of this lake but I will cobble something together to send out.

I will be tying oversized black slumpbusters and wooly buggers with some red, some weighted. Last year at this time the Adams worked well and there were huge numbers of what appeared to be black caddis about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long. That's in addition to the mosquitoes!

So all of you who say you have always wanted to fish this lake, now is a good time. Hope we have a big turnout!

Jon Iverson
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What the???????

Jerry Haynes with a nice Klamath trout. Ask him about the details

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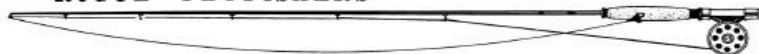
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