

# Flyline

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**SAVE THE DATE for Carp on the fly with John "Montana" Bartlett on Tuesday March 14th, 2017 @ 6:00 pm.**

Join us for an evening with John Bartlett to learn more about fly fishing for this highly underrated game fish. John has probably forgotten more than most people know about carp, and how to catch them with a fly rod. On his blog, Carp on the Fly, he states "I used to be a respectable angler, now I fly fish for carp". This is far from the truth as you will learn that carp are actually a very challenging quarry, and a powerful, strong fighting fish. And they can grow to over 30lbs in our local waters.

John's presentation will cover habitat, food sources, rigging, fly selection and tactics to help you understand how to approach our local fishery here in the Northwest, as well as other great carping waters like the Great Lakes.

John has donated trips to the auctions in the past, and members like Hal Gordon and Steve Willhite can attest to John's skills. If you like the idea of stalking fish in shallow water that will take you deep into your backing when hooked, don't miss this presentation.



## 2017 FCO/FFF Dinner Auction

### Plan Now To Attend!!

The FCO/FFF annual dinner/auction is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at the Multnomah Athletic Club (1849 SW Salmon Street, Portland). Registration, the Wet Fly Hour and the Silent Auction will begin at 5 p.m. The dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and be followed by the Oral Auction and the Keith Hansen Memorial Conservation Paddle Raise. **This year the paddle raise supports the Deschutes River Alliance efforts to understand the rapid deterioration of the formerly vibrant aquatic ecosystem of the lower Deschutes and to take action to correct the problems.**

MAC's renowned chef Philippe Boulot has put together an outstanding menu:

Starter: Oregon Pink Bay Shrimp and Asparagus Salad with Lemon Aioli

Entrée Options:

- a. Slow Roasted Halibut and a Grapefruit Beurre Fondue,
- b. Smoked Pork Chop with Bourbon Maple Glaze, or
- c. Roasted Tomatoes with Wilted Spinach and Sauce Trinity

Sides dishes with the above entrees include Broccolini and Olive Oil Forked Potatoes

Dessert: Philippe's special treat: the Flyfisher's Camp S'Mores with Homemade Marshmallows and Fine French Chocolate.

The cost for this outstanding event is \$75 per person and includes wine. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and plan to join the festivities. Please [register online](#).

Dave Moskowitz ([moskosalmo@gmail.com](mailto:moskosalmo@gmail.com), 971-235-8953) or John Pyrch ([jgpyrch1@msn.com](mailto:jgpyrch1@msn.com), 503-235-6111) are collecting donations for the silent and oral auction until April 21. If you have items you would like to contribute, please get in touch with one of them. Tax receipts are available for all donations.

John B. Pyrch  
2017 Auction Chair



## *President's Message*

### **Spring Forward**

I am giddy with images of spring fishing dancing in my head. It feels like we have weathered one of the harshest winters I can remember. I hope that means we will all be rewarded with beautiful spring days on the water.

A few reminders-

The Club Fishing Trip to Rocky Ridge Ranch on April 8th still has a few openings. This is high mountain lake fishing at its finest. You can find more information [here](#). The cost is \$135 that includes fishing, food and good friends for the day. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

The Northwest Fly Tye and Fly Fishing Expo is March 10th & 11th. Located at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon- I love this event and plan to be there on Saturday. I hope to see you there.

Last but not least we need Auction Items donated for the May Auction. We need gear, hosted trips, hosted dinners, gift certificates, good wine, Fly Tying equipment and of course flies of all types saltwater, steelhead, trout, bass & salmon. If you have items please let me know and we will come pick them up.

I would like to say Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers that run our club. There is a tremendous depth of talent and knowledge constantly striving to better what our club has to offer. Thank you to all of our Volunteers of both the Fly Fishing Club of Oregon & the Fly Fishing Foundation.

My best to you,  
Teri



# Member Matters

## New Members

Don't miss the Northwest Fly Tye and Flyfishing Expo coming up March 10th and 11th at the Linn County Expo Center. There are about 200 tyers, including our own Joel LaFollette and Jim Teeny, showing you some of their secret flies. Cool classes can help you up your game by sharpening your skills on reading the water, stillwater fishing, or the beauty of the two handed cast. Look for our FCO President, Teri Beatty and our new Program Chair, Ross Beatty at the event!

If you weren't at the last two meetings, you missed Teri Beatty's announcement that the Club fishing trip to Rocky Ridge is on again this year. There are still a few slots available:



## Literary Angler

*Editor's Note: Our own David Moskowitz penned this very fun piece a few years ago that is sure to bring a smile. The timing is right to whet your appetite for spring trout fishing. So take a literary and imaginary trip to faraway places with Dave. On a similar note, I know many of you have been out on the water in exotic places or cold rivers near home. Please consider sharing your "fish on," "fish off," or "the scenery was spectacular" experiences with Club members. If you are not a writer you can even send me an audio recording from your phone and I will transform it to text – Voila! Et merci beaucoup! LKH*

### **The Best Trout fishing in the World**

by David A. Moskowitz, 8.5.13

A recent posting on Linked In caught my eye. Someone posted an article boasting of the best trout fishing in the world. That is certainly attention grabbing and immediately brings to mind Alaskan and Russian Rainbows as long as your leg, or perhaps the incredibly beautiful streams of New Zealand. I wondered what that statement means to anglers – what is the best trout fishing in the world?

The article is about trout fishing in New Zealand. Big trout. Crystalline waters. Incredible vistas. I have good friends who go regularly. I have one friend who is able to spend many months there – every year – as his work allows him to play trout bum in trout heaven. Lovely indeed.

Still, where, and also what, is the best trout fishing in the world? Is there an agreed upon river or region that is THE BEST? Is there a top three or a David Letterman "Top Ten" even? .... [Read on](#)



## Conservation Corner

### Coping with an Uncertain Steelhead Future

Many of us feel a familiar thrill of excitement rise up in our hearts when we anticipate our steelheading calendar. Maybe we have been out on the Sandy in the winter and have plans to wade some coastal streams and the Clackamas as spring warms up. Then the mighty Deschutes and North Umpqua entice us with spectacular summer experiences. Club members hunt steelhead in Northwest waters far and wide. But our enthusiasm might be dampened by ominous signs that the Columbia River runs are declining at alarming rates. Last summer our Flyfisher's Foundation President, David Moskowitz, wrote in a petition to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that outlined possible causes of this decline and what might be done about it. He cited data that showed the 2016 wild steelhead run over Bonneville Dam was [just 58% of past 10 year average](#). He argued for a temporary emergency rule to reduce the steelhead bag limit to one hatchery fish in order to reduce the risk of inadvertently harming wild fish caught. ODFW recently announced the 2017 rules for Columbia River salmon and steelhead that allows for two fish, only one of which can be a Chinook salmon. Thus, this rule allows for the take of two hatchery steelhead. For folks planning to fish above Bonneville, you can help by using all means to reduce stress to a wild fish hooked. Practice and educate your compatriots to "[keep 'em wet](#)". If you hook a steelhead, bring the beauty in quickly to reduce the risk of lethal exhaustion. And when summer arrives, be mindful of the water temperature. Talk to the local experts before you head out to find out if temperatures are low enough that a wild fish is likely to survive your catch and release.

The [most recent update on ESA listed Upper Willamette River steelhead](#) found that "the declines noted in the previous review [2005-2010] continued through the period of 2010-2015." Several Willamette tributaries are stocked with hatchery summer steelhead. Listed winter fish are there too. The wild run is threatened by many factors including genetic introgression by the hatchery stock, use of barbed hooks (which are allowed), and loss of habitat. Fly fisherman can help reduce the impact to these fish by keeping the allowed number of hatchery fish caught, crushing the barb, and keeping 'em wet.

Lisa Hansen

