

Flyline

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**Dinner and Movie Night - June 13th
Don't Miss This Opportunity**



The Flyfishers Club of Oregon will have a private screening the feature length movie [Finding Fontinalis](#). Narrator of the film, and Director of Fishing products for Patagonia, Bart Bonime will be on hand to talk about making of the film and the challenges he and the other cast members went through in pursuit of a World Record Brook Trout. This event is perfect for bringing a spouse or guest. Get ready to grab some popcorn and enjoy a great evening with fellow members.

In the summer of 1915, John William Cook disappeared into the vast boreal forests of northern Ontario, emerging seven days later with a 14.5-pound brook trout from the Nipigon River- the largest the world had ever seen. But the record was almost immediately embroiled in controversy: Some said Cook didn't take the fish on the fly, some said it was one of Cook's native guides who caught the fish, some even said it was no brook trout at all. Nevertheless, the record persisted.

One hundred years later, three anglers- fueled by an old gaucho's tale that told of "el lugar con el pescado rojo grande," the place with the big red fish- descend upon the Chubut province of Argentina in search of giant trout that are no longer found in their native North American range due to habitat loss and degradation.

Bart Bonime is a seasoned veteran of the fly fishing industry having spent over 30 years in the apparel side of the business. Bart has developed some of the most iconic products in the business having worked for some of the finest brands in the industry. Bart began his career with Columbia Sportswear, founded his own business with Go Fish Corporation, worked with Far Bank, developing product for both Sage and Redington and then designed and developed private label for some of the largest big box retailers in the world. Bart is currently the Director of Fishing for Patagonia, where he has won numerous AFFTA Best of Show awards across the entire Patagonia Fly Fishing line.

2017 Dinner/Auction Highlights

The 2017 dinner and auction was a great success with a new attendance record for The Flyfisher Foundation, as supported by the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon. Contributions to the Keith Hansen Memorial Conservation Paddle Raise totaled \$23,200 (a new record). The oral auction raised \$10,810, the silent auction produced \$4,590 and the drawing for the Dave Moskowitz Deschutes Float Trip brought in another \$1,000. Overall, preliminary numbers indicate that the 2017 auction grossed over \$52,000 and netted almost \$33,000. There were 140 paid attendees this year. Everyone had an enjoyable time connecting with old and new friends, sharing fishing stories and consuming a delicious meal provided by the Multnomah Athletic Club under the supervision of FCO member and chef extraordinaire, Philippe Boulot. The Deschutes River Alliance will be the beneficiary of the paddle raise. Oregon State University and the Multnomah County Central Library will continue to receive their annual donations from the Foundation. Kudos to all who attended and helped make this year's event so successful. As an additional bonus, we had 12 folks sign up as new FCO members.

John B. Pynch
2017 Auction Chair



President's Message

I hope everyone had a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend with family and friends. Maybe some fishing opportunities had you out on the water.

We have some great programs coming up that you'll want to add to your calendar. This month's meeting June 13th is our first ever "Movie Night". The University Club Chef has created a festive buffet of delicious food, you can grab some dinner and watch the new Patagonia film "Finding Fontinalis". The movie trailer is attached to the web site if you would like to watch a preview. We are also thrilled to have our special guest Bart Bonime- Director of Fish for Patagonia. Bart narrated the film and is joining us for this special preview, he will share some of the experiences of creating this film. Patagonia has also donated some great hats & packs which we will be raffling after the movie. It's sure to be a fun night and one you don't want to miss.

On August 8th we have the annual Casting Ponds event. Join fellow members and guests at the Westmoreland Casting Ponds. The local fly shops will be on hand with gear and challenges. This is a fun casual evening and one of my favorites.

Just a reminder to send in your fishing photos to joe@wolfpk.com and literary pieces to Kwaterbuff@comcast.net. See you at the movies.

My best to you,
Teri



Member Matters

We have 194 members as of May 30, 2017. Our newest members are:

- Kurt Ruttum
- Chad Johnson
- Tim Blair
- Gary Griff
- Ken Gustafson
- Rick McClain
- Mike Radacovich
- Kelly Knivila
- Kathleen Shelton
- Chris Pay
- Iqbal Kana
- Bill Baker
- Eric Miller

Welcome to all of you, and please take a moment to say hello at one of the next several meetings.

We do have a few members that have not yet paid their 2017 dues. If that includes you, please forward your dues as soon as you can. We would love to keep everyone on board supporting the club. There are lots of exciting programs and events coming up.

Your dues are used to help support the great programs we have at our monthly meetings and for the other activities of the club. We don't make any money on the dinner fees, so we rely on dues to fund programs and activities. Our club is in good financial condition.

Tight lines,
Rick



Literary Angler

*Editor's Note: I have two treats for you this month, thanks to members who generously shared their fishing stories. FCO Board Member Steve Willhite has been fishing all over the continent lately. He has sent some impressive photos to your Flyline Editor documenting his adventures. I think I may have finally twisted his casting arm hard enough for a story. I was delighted to receive this piece from Steve last week about a simple and creative method to bring success to fly fishing newbies. Hint: Oregon's own Dave Hughes devotes a chapter to the method in the second edition of his book, *Trout From Small Streams*. <http://www.tenkarausa.com/dave-hughes-tenkara-trout-small-streams/>. Next, you will be delighted with member Geoff Roach's adventures at Trout Creek on the Deschutes. So many memories were invoked by his prose. Enjoy! LKH*

I was out on the Mackenzie last week. Here is my story:

What is (a)Tenkara?

May 25, 2007- I had the pleasure of fishing with Brian Marz of Orvis, Christian and Nancy Werner (new FCO members), and their friend Derry. We had perfect weather to fish the Mackenzie in the Springfield area. Since we all couldn't fit in Brian's boat, we enlisted Matt Ramsey of Two Dudes Flyfishing to be the extra guide and boat. As we were discussing the day with Matt, he suggested the ladies should join him in his boat and Christian and I would fish with Brian. Christian said he hoped to fish with Nancy after lunch.

Christian and I headed down river as the ladies and Matt pulled over and dropped anchor. The ladies were hoping to catch their first fish and Matt had a plan. Out comes the Tenkara!! This is the ancient Japanese form of angling that utilizes a long and limber rod and fixed single length of line to present flies of all kinds. As a boy I grew up in the south. Can you say cane pole? Well not exactly. The word Tenkara means "From the Sky/Heaven". This is the perfect way to introduce casting flies without dealing with the line in the offhand. After a few minutes of instruction, down the river the ladies went.

We met them 45 minutes after we hit the water. We had a slow start. We had only caught two fish. Here come the ladies. "How are you girls doing?" "We have both caught fish and Derry caught two". Hmm. Something seems to be working for them.

We broke for lunch and Christian said he wanted to fish with Nancy. "No thanks", said the girls. They were having a great time with Matt and didn't want anything to stop their mojo. We all floated down to the take out and anchored at a confluence across from the takeout; the boys in one boat the girls in the other. There were fish breaking the surface and the boys were nymphing, throwing wet flies and a few dry flies. No results. The ladies were anchored 50' away. During the 20 minutes they caught 2 cutthroats and lost another. Nothing for the boys.

We crossed the river to the take out and the ladies were beaming. They were hooked!! Matt had helped them catch their first trout and they are well on their way to being committed fly fishers. The Tenkara opened the door for them.

Steve Willhite



Trip Report

Trout Creek Camp on the Deschutes River May 17-22, 2017

Submitted by Club Member Geoff Roach (who's having trouble making meetings of late)

Back in town and on my arse today. It is screen time and meetings at the salt mine. I did the Monday evening session this week and then pulled stakes for home to unpack and work in the garden yesterday.

Conditions steadily improved across my time at Trout Creek this year. It was cold upon my arrival there last Wednesday, like the real final day of winter. By Monday of this week an errant big bug could poach in my waders draping the truck bed at midday it was so hot. Bugs flew a bit more on Sunday evening and more so on Monday afternoon and evening. I raised a lot more fish my last day than I did my first, though it never developed full bore. Each fish was a reward, a gift that only unwrapped after countless probing casts and drag-free drifts over quality water.



Since old enough to know the big bug, I have valued my birthday's calendar placement, falling predictably between May 15 and June 15. The birthdays, though passé at my age, are great excuse to hit the river at a time when there is every chance for a quality redside on a gigantic dry fly, the D's environs are verdant and pleasing, and a well dug fire pit can hold a flame through the end of May. Let me see - Big Bugs, Birthday, River, Aesthetics, Camp Fire, ... what can possibly make this annual alignment even more joyful? Of course, friends! And they showed. Their time, their fellowship, their ardent enthusiasm for this craft, their stories and songs, their gifts and vittles, and our breaking of bread and the casual consumption of ales by night and by riverside - all are treasured.

A couple of shorts:

I marked the location of two obliging fish above the camp island on Monday afternoon by missing both takes. I proceeded to the first rock wall and shined one fish, but had nothing beyond the shine to show. The sun was off the water by the time I returned to the marked locations. I stepped in and set up on the first fish - one of those upstream casts where you really should loop your fly out to the side of your line as the whole assembly floats downstream. On the second of such casts the trout rose again and either it or I missed. I waded down to the second marked location and made one cast which worked its way well into the under recesses of the overhanging tree. After what seemed an hour the trout rose and again we missed each other. I walked back to the first lair and raised him one last time; and then it felt like I could leave. The fly came off, the line was retrieved, the reel was stowed and rod disassembled for my walk back to the rig.

It was about 9:00 PM when I hit the Mill Creek Bridge just west of Warm Springs on HWY 26 and Mount Hood was glorious. There remained good light. As I crossed the bridge over that gape in the earth I hit a mass big bug upwelling. It was so dense I decided to stop and make sure it was the big bug. It was; and thick and filtering up from that crack in the earth! There is a ranch house a quarter mile west of the bridge on the south side of the highway and the bugs thinned out about there, but the trees in the ranch house yard were draped in big bugs.



All fun and looking forward to the next gathering of friends – two-legged, finned, and with any luck, both! Happy Oregon summer to all.

Tight lines.

Geoff

Conservation Corner

Fish Triumph over Vacuum Cleaners

Thanks to a very effective grass roots effort from a late and influential senator (Sen. Alan Bates), fish advocates and organizations, suction dredge mining will be banned from salmonid-bearing rivers in western Oregon. Last week the Oregon House passed SB-3, Suction Dredge Reform Bill and Governor Brown is expected to sign it. This bill would make the 2016 moratorium on this type of mining permanent in "essential salmon habitat" as well as habitat of the Pacific lamprey.



On their website, Wild Salmon Center explained "The ills of suction dredging are numerous. Suction dredge mining can trap and kill young fish, smother spawning gravel with fine sediments, and even stir up legacy mercury from historic mining operations. Our Director of Science, Matt Sloat, summed it up this way: "The scientific literature demonstrates a broad array of negative effects of suction dredge gold mining. It clearly works against efforts to recover salmon runs."

[Rogue Riverkeeper produced a handout](https://www.cascwild.org/campaigns/save-our-wild-salmon-heritage/suction-dredging-and-high-banking-for-gold/) a couple of years ago that spells out the ills of suction dredge mining with several photos of its effects. The Cascadia Wildlands website has list of the harms of suction dredge mining that are easy for non-scientific folks to understand. <https://www.cascwild.org/campaigns/save-our-wild-salmon-heritage/suction-dredging-and-high-banking-for-gold/>

Iconic rivers like the Chetco, the Rogue, and the Illinois now have protection against this mining technique. Although they face challenges from other human impacts, their gravel nurseries will not be sucked up and spit out any longer.

Lisa Hansen