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**Jim Klug - Yellowdog Fly Fishing Adventures - Presents: "Fly Fishing Off The Grid"  
- December 12, 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for Reservations is December 4th**

Founder and Director of Operations for Bozeman, Montana-based [Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures](#), Jim began working in the fly fishing industry at the age of 14. Over the years, he has worked as a guide, sales rep, travel coordinator, and as past National Sales Manager for Scientific Anglers. He has guided extensively in Montana, Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon, and has fished throughout the world in over 35 different countries.

In 1999, Jim founded Yellow Dog, a fly fishing booking and travel company that has grown to become one of the largest and most recognized entities in sporting travel. As Yellow Dog's Director of Operations, Jim spends a lot of time scouting and researching destinations in the Caribbean, Central and South America and the Indian Ocean. Aside from his ongoing work with Yellow Dog, Jim is also the co-founder and executive producer for Confluence Films, a film production company that created the fishing movies DRIFT (2008), RISE (2009), CONNECT (2011), WAYPOINTS (2013) and PROVIDENCE (2016).

In 2017, Jim was awarded the American Museum of Fly Fishing's "Izaak Walton Award," given out once a year to honor and celebrate individuals who live by the Compleat Angler philosophy. The award recognizes "a passion for the sport of fly fishing and involvement in the angling community that provides inspiration for others and promotes the legacy of leadership for future generations."

Jim's writings and photos and appeared in dozens of magazines and publications, and his photo work and galleries can be viewed at [www.klugphotos.com](http://www.klugphotos.com). Fly Fishing Belize (released in October 2014) is Jim's first full-length book project. Jim lives in Bozeman, Montana with his wife Hilary and children Carson, Finn and Gus.



## *President's Message*

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. I hope you will all have time to relax and enjoy your friends and family. Indulge in some traditional sweets and savor the season. I am bound for Christmas Island where I will reconnect with my favorite guide Shimano and spend a week fishing for Bonefish & GT's.

The December meeting- Couples night will be an exciting presentation on travel and fishing. Please make your reservation early as the cut-off is Dec 4th. The University Club will no longer accept late reservations and payment must be made online.

We are having a Fly Tying Round Table on Dec 2nd at the Orvis Bridgeport location. Stop by between 11:30- 1:30. Share your favorite patterns and learn some new ones. I will be there tying Bonefish patterns for my trip.

The Westmoreland Casting Ponds are being cleaned up on Dec 2nd. They are reaching out to the Fly Fishing community for volunteers to help. If you have time and would like to help the information is on our website under Member Matters.

As we are heading into a New Year I would like to Thank everyone on the Flyfishers & Foundation Boards for their time, energy and talents. Our club is very fortunate to have all of you helping us grow, improve and support organizations that watch over and protect the waters that we all love.

My best to you,  
Teri





## *Member Matters*

### **Proposed Board Slate for 2018**

This letter serves as official notice of the upcoming annual election of your Flyfishers Club Board and Officers for the 2018-2019 year. The election will occur at the Annual Meeting, February 13, 2018 at the University Club at 7pm. Your club is run by a dedicated group of volunteers that monitor the health of the club while trying to increase membership and providing world-class programs. Each year at this time, the officers are elected to one-year terms along with two at large board members that serve three-year terms. For 2018, the proposed slate of officers is:

- President- Teri Beatty
- Vice President- Open
- Secretary- Janet Arenz
- Treasurer- Ken Betschart
- Past President- Rick Pay

There are two Board members entering into a new three- year term ending in Feb 2021:

- Steve Willhite
- Open

There are four other Board members whose terms are continuing and thus are not up for election:

- Ross Beatty
- Lisa Hansen
- Jim Hillas
- Harold Weight

We will call for nominations from the floor at the February meeting if anyone is so inclined.

If you have interest in serving your club in the future, please contact me at [teribeatty@windermere.com](mailto:teribeatty@windermere.com) We potentially need an Officer (VP) and one at-large Board member for the future. We need you! I want to thank all of the above for their dedication and hard work. Our club continues to improve because of our wonderful Board.

Happy New Year, Teri Beatty

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## **Christmas for Coho Volunteers Needed in January**

Each January, Tualatin Valley Trout Unlimited and Clackamas River Trout Unlimited Chapters collect Christmas trees to create and provide habitat for a variety of fish in our local waterways. Later in the year, TU volunteers recycle the trees as woody debris in the Clackamas watershed.

This year, the trees will be collected on two Saturdays (January 6 and 13) at two locations: Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters on NE Halsey in Portland, and the decommissioned Bolton fire station on Failing Street in West Linn (near Royal Treatment Fly Fishing). The trees will then be transported and offloaded at a collection site on the following Sundays.

If you are interested and available to help, please contact Mike Gentry of Tualatin Valley TU at [michaelgentry04@comcast.net](mailto:michaelgentry04@comcast.net).



## *Literary Angler*

**Reflections on Floating the Rogue River** - September 12-16, 2017  
by **John b. Pyrch**



We came together from across the country – Illinois, Colorado, Idaho, California and Oregon – to fish and float Oregon’s famous “wild and scenic” Rogue River. Morrison’s Lodge was our rendezvous point; Agro Boat Landing was our launch site with Agness our destination (42 miles downstream).

Our immediate party consisted of six guests – Steve, Mike, Kevin, Walt, Mark and John – and an additional two couples – Dan and Susan, Dave and Evelyn – joined the group. After a delicious get acquainted dinner, we finished packing our gear and made ready for the morning departure.

The crew from Helfrich River Outfitters – Dan O, JP, Kevin, Mike, Barrett and John – met us at the put in, packed our gear in waterproof bags and loaded everything in the support raft. Five drift boats with two guests per boat were made ready by the guides. Fishing tackle was provided in each boat.



Fishing started out with a bang, as Walt caught the first and biggest fish when JP netted a beautiful 14-pound Chinook just below the Grave Creek Bridge. The salmon were very active all morning, teasing fishermen with their rolling and splashing. Evelyn caught the largest steelhead on a fly.

Fly fishing for steelhead (half-pounders) was fun and each guide helped ensure that everyone had an opportunity to catch fish. Special flies designed with a bead head to facilitate sinking, such as the Stinky Squirrel, Mr. Wiggle, Red Ant and the Green Christmas Tree, were very productive. A real treat was the fresh fish we caught, cooked and consumed for lunches on the river.



The river's steady flow pulled us through this wonderland of rock cliffs and steep canyons in its quest to reach the Pacific Ocean. The Rogue's stair step descent created many pools followed by challenging rapids that tested each guide's rowing skills.

It was necessary to walk around the big drop at Rainie Falls so each boat could be lined down a side channel. All the other major rapids – Grave Creek Falls, Tye, Wildcat, Slim Pickins, Upper and Lower Black Bar, Horseshoe Bend, Narrows, Coffee Pot, Blossom Bar, Devils Stairs and Clay Hills – were negotiated

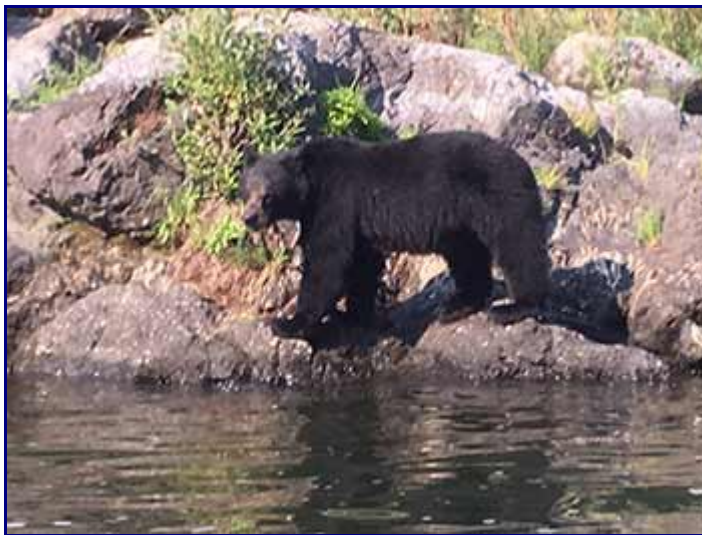


successfully by our experienced guides. Occasionally we got wet, but for the most part our boatmen kept us dry during the thrilling rides over the fast moving, churning water.

We spent the nights at three lodges – Black Bar, Marial and Illahe – enjoying wonderful dinners and breakfasts served in boarding house style. Participating in the lively evening discussions with plenty of libations helped make the trip special. A little CCR background music didn't hurt.

During the float, our guide's insights and comments on the ecology and human history of the region contributed significantly to our understanding of this special place. Evidence of miners' efforts to extract gold from this area was evident throughout the trip.

Wildlife was abundant with Canada geese, kingfishers, dippers, bald eagles, ospreys, herons, otters, turtles, deer and other animals observed. A real highlight of the trip was three bear sightings on the next to last day. One bear swam across the river and climbed on the rocks along the north shore providing exceptional viewing as we floated by. Mark kept asking the guide to bring his boat in closer.



Old friends and new acquaintances shared information and learned to work together. We came to fish and explore, but returned with much more; our spirits were lifted and our appreciation for the wonders of nature enhanced.

*"Let's go fly fishing!"*



Two hundred and twenty-four individuals responded to the authors' call to submit their favorite flies along with stories about their selections. This book sounds fun and inspiring. And the funds from sale of the book support wild fish and the health of the waters that they call home. You can pick up a copy from the [book's website](#), via [Native Fish Society](#), or at a book signing coming up January 27th at [Royal Treatment Fly Fishing](#). Check it out and consider submitting a brief book review to your Flyline editor! LKH

## Conservation Corner

*Editor's Note: This submission comes from our Conservation Chair and "ear to the waters" on anadromous fish issues, David Moskowitz, about a news report of a University of Washington study on re-thinking how fishing season dates are determined. There is a link to the study abstract at the OPB website. LKH*

I have clipped in the link to an OPB news story about a new study that examines the adverse effects of fishing and harvest in the middle of the migration, as allowing extensive harvest during the most productive period of migration is likely removing the individual salmon or steelhead who are likely to be the most productive spawners trying to spawn at the most productive time. The researchers (from UW) believe this can affect overall productivity and lead to migration timing changes.

Submitted by David Moskowitz

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/fishing-season-washington-timing-study/>

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### **Time to Prioritize Those Charitable Donations!**

So many charities work hard to entreat our generosity this time of year. Whether you choose to support wild fish, river conservation, forest and wild lands, science, aid agencies, disadvantaged or disabled, the hungry, or other groups advocating for a better world, be generous, be careful, and be grateful for all we enjoy here in Oregon. Happy Holidays from your Conservation Corner!

