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7:00-7:15	Opening remarks, Club business
7:15-8:15	Guest Presenter: <b>Josh Lynn, Winter Steelheading</b>
8:15-8:30	Raffle and Adjourn

Guest Speaker: Josh Lynn

## President's Message

### November 2023

As we move into the holiday season, it seems that the year is flying by. It is too easy to just say – "I am too busy to fish!" I am not sure that is possible, but family, work, friends and many other things can easily side track a day of fishing.

My fall season mostly focuses on steelhead. So far, I am averaging one fish per day on the Deschutes so I am a happy



person! All of my fish have been on floating (Scandi) lines on two handed rods. If you plan to go over be sure to check on the White River as it has blown out several days. There is still plenty of fishing above it and fish are distributed throughout the river.

We still have two spots available in the Josh Linn tour of the Sandy River on December 3. This will be a special opportunity to learn where to fish for steelhead on the Sandy River from the bank. Josh will share many spots that work well, as well as a review of the equipment and flies you will need. Cost is only \$50 which is significantly less than the same outing sponsored by the fly shops. Please let me or Chuck Cooney know if you would like one of the remaining two spots.

The club is looking for someone who is expert in website design and WordPress that could assist Galen Flinn with the maintenance and development of our website. It is an important tool for communicating with both members and prospective members on club activities and benefits of being a member. We could really use your help! Please contact Galen or me if you can help.

We also need a Board Member and VP. The requirement is a willingness to stand in for the President if he is out, and attendance to 11 Board Meetings per year. Please consider this position as we need some new people helping.

The Board has plans for the holiday event in December. We have a new caterer so we will have plenty of meat this year and three catered sides. Once again, we ask everyone to bring either your favorite side dish or desserts! Especially desserts! (that was from me! Mmmmm.)

Again, it's time to go fishing. Wet a line, tie some flies and enjoy our Oregon fall.

Tight Lines,  
Rick Pay, President

## November 10 Outing

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Deschutes River ---- Surf City----9 AM----Fish all day





The fall of the year is a great time to fish the Deschutes River. You have both Trout and Steelhead to fish for. On this trip to the river you can bring all your rods 4 WT, 5 WT switch rods, 7 WT single hand and 8 WT Two hand rods. They will all work and don't forget your Euro Rod.

Now if I get a good number of people to sign up for the day, there will be food. E-mail me if you plan to go?? [cacjcooney@aol.com](mailto:cacjcooney@aol.com)-----  
Outing Chair Chuck Cooney. Your E-mail is important!



Fisherman and fishes you will find on the Deschutes River





# WCFF Rod Building Class 2023 by Chuck Cooney

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Four members of the WCFF just completed a rod building class with Billy Dailey. While the class started out slow because of missing parts and difficulty arranging dates that met everyone's schedule, the members ended up with beautiful rods and memories to last a life time. October came and we had a start date and most important, the rod order showed up parts complete. Finding a place to set up for several days was also tricky, and Billy agreed to holding the class in my garage. We put the car outside and set up four tables and went to work. We all got a rod building kit to work with our choice of rod size.

We set up the rods with reel seats, handles and with guides marked and in place all in the first Class. Class #2 was rod wrapping and we were sent home to do the rest of the build we did not get done in Class.



Billy

demonstrates how to seal the treads and again we were working on our rods.









Day 3 and day 4 we sealed the rod. Day 5 was show day and the rods were looking good. They turned out great. Everyone was very happy. We had G Loomis blanks and exotic wood reel seats which made for some very nice-looking rods.















Please join us on the next WCFF Rod build. Cost for this build was \$180 per rod with an estimated value of \$600.

Fly of the Month

## Blue Zenith Tube Fly

By Josh Linn



### Background

Tube flies are not new in the world of anadromous fish. Anglers in Scotland started fishing tube flies around 1945 for Atlantic salmon, the original tube flies were tied on sections of hollowed out turkey quills. In the years since, tube flies have come a long way, now most commonly tied on plastic tubes. Josh started fishing tube flies for steelhead around 2000 and they have continued to be a tying platform for steelhead and salmon for him.

The marabou tube fly was introduced to Josh by Mark Bachmann from the Welches Fly Shop. The marabou tube fly is a classic and every box should have them. An unweighted or lightly weighted marabou tube fly is easy casting and will allow you to fish into the soft insides or to obtain a good consistent depth while fishing low gradient gravel bars. If you need to get deeper add a tungsten bead, or barbell eyes.



Category	Steelhead
<b>Tube</b>	40x40 Pro Flexitube – white or blue
<b>Thread</b>	Black Danville 6/0
<b>Cone</b>	Medium Silver Pro Cone
<b>Dubbing</b>	Senyo's Fusion Dub Smurf
<b>Body</b>	Black Marabou – 1 or 2 feathers
<b>Flash</b>	4 strands Purple Krinkle Mirror Flash
<b>Wing</b>	Blue Artic Fox

### How to Tie

Keep this fly medium sized – about the thickness of a number 2 pencil or a little larger when wet. About 2 – 3 inches long.

1) Prepare tube by cutting off about half of the rear larger part of the tube. Push the tube onto a tube needle as far as it will go.

2) Tie in the thread at the junction of the smaller part of the tube with the larger part.

3) Tie in a dubbing ball at the junction of the small tube and larger tube. Keep as a ball shape which will eventually hold out the marabou from the tube. Brush out a bit for

movement.

- 4) Prepare marabou by stripping off fluff from the base up to where the shaft gets thin. Attach in front of the dubbing ball by the tip. Fold back and wrap 4 to 5 turns toward the head of the tube. Keep wraps close to each other so the total is about a 1/4". Trim off shaft.
- 5) Take two strands of flash, fold in half around thread and attach to one side of fly. Take two more and attach to other side in the same way. Trim lengths about a 1/2" past the end of the larger part of the tube.
- 6) Attach blue artic fox wing – a smaller clump on top of the fly, attached just in front of the marabou.
- 7) Place a dab of glue on the thread at the attachment point of the fox to keep it from pulling out and to attach the cone.
- 8) Slide the cone over the small part of the tube and push back to the fox/marabou until it stops.
- 9) Cut off the small tube about a 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch in front of the cone. Take a lighter and carefully melt the 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch of the tube so it curls back and holds the cone.
- 10) If needed, use your bodkin to reopen the hole in the tube so your leader can go through the cone and the fly.

### Variations

Keep it simple – black and blue, red and orange, pink and orange

### How to Fish

Attach the fly to your line by inserting your tippet material through the cone and fly so it extends out the back. Attach a #4 octopus hook to the hook and pull the knot into the tube. The hook should only be into/against the tube so the hook extends back the length of the hook. Use an octopus hook rather than a straight hook for better hooking of the fish.

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