



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

PROGRAM

Fly Tyer's Night



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This month's program will feature members of the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers (SOFT) SOFT club is made up of member tiers from Medford, Grants Pass, Northern California and Roseburg. There are tyers of all levels of skill.

It includes hobbyist as well as commercial tiers. Both men and women are involved. They will be showing the results of the classes sponsored by the RFF, displaying the art and practical fishing side of fly tying. Sharing the art with any who choose to learn.

March – A Great Month

I experienced a wonderful time while assisting John Ward at the NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing EXPO in Albany earlier this month. It was a fabulous time interacting with kids from 3 – 12 yrs old. The clay modeling was easy and the kids were all over it. Some created Chinook; others chose Coho, while some did their best at making Steelhead. Then the glazing (I call painting to 3 yr olds). Take a look at the renditions these wonderful kids made. It was extremely rewarding to help and watch them create their own Masterpiece. Jay Daly and Bob Lassler from Maupin pitched in and helped us out. We could have used more help, but we made the best of it. I would encourage everyone to lend a hand anytime we are working with the youth. We need them to become future leaders of clubs like ours.

Just last Friday, I ventured to the North Umpqua River for the first time of fishing it. I fished the lower section near and around Whistler's Bend. I must say I was overwhelmed. It did not let me down. I landed 4 Steelhead, the smallest was about 8 lbs and the largest was over 15 lbs. The big one tops my all time list for the largest caught. All were Native fish and released unharmed.

Can't wait for next March

RFF BOARD Openings for 2015

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Start thinking now of how YOU might help in keeping the club strong. Talk to any Board Member about the possibilities you could help fill.

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##SEE FLIER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS##

6th Annual UPPER WILLIAMSON Outing - April 30 to May 3, 2014

Sixth Annual RFF Outing to Upper Williamson River begins Wednesday, April 30 at the US Forest Service “**Head of the River**” **Campground** at 10:00 am. Folks with cars, trucks, campers, trailers or RVs will caravan about 9 miles north (down river) on **Forest Service Road 4648** to a junction with **Forest Service Road 440** where we turn west about 0.7 mile to our camp area on the river. The 440 Road is a narrow, deeply rutted, pumice surface track through a lodgepole pine forest. We should arrive there about 11:00 am. Stay 1, 2, 3, or 4 days; 2-weeks is max, I think, whatever works for you.



This spring-fed river threads oxbows and meanders thru gentle meadows fringed by lodge poles and willows. Big rainbows and brownies with fine dry fly and excellent nymphing opportunities; mostly floating line on 3, 4, or 5-weight rods. The photo, looking down-stream from camp, shows Upper Williamson is a cold spring creek walk/wade fishery through open meadows. Fishing from any floating device like float tube, pontoon or boat or is not allowed. May is a good time to try peach or tan PMDs that John Hyde and Bob Quigley favor, and we may hit an early Black Drake hatch near dusk. John Hyde likes Woolly Buggers with a Prince Nymph dropper at undercut banks or deep holes. Be careful if you wade fish due to really soft deep holes.

If you are staying here overnight, come prepared. It's rustic: no toilets, no drinking water, no cell phones, and there may be rain showers. Elk hunters have left some rough board counters and rocks for a fire hole but we'll have to cut and haul firewood. Gary Graham and John Ward will be camping here Tuesday thru Saturday. We will lead folks back to their rigs at **Head of the River Campground** before dark where there are six developed camp sites with tables, fire rings, toilets, and probably cut firewood to split; we will come get you next morning. Ward will be trying Dutch Oven dinners so bring your pots and ovens and join the fun and friendship, and share recipes.

Need more info? Phone Ward at **541.482.2859**, or call Gary Graham at **541.512.1841**. We will try to make adjustments that help you.

Annual Bear Creek Watershed Symposium

Our club has chosen to participate in this year's event to be held at Santo Center on Friday, May 23rd from 9AM to 1:30PM. We are planning to have about 10-12 fly tyers plus an equal number of casters to work with about 200 students. Last year we had 20 members of our club help out to make this a success. It would be great to have an even bigger turnout this year to provide breaks. Expert skills are not necessary, we can demo the tying process to our adult volunteers prior to the event. More ladies are welcome, the young girls like to see that females can do this too! A pizza lunch is provided. What more could a person want--good friends, lots of excited kids and a "free lunch"!! To the folks that helped out last year, thank you! Invite your fishing buddies and join us this May. Contact Ken (kenbonsi@gmail.com) if you're interested or have more questions.

Auction Items

Drop offs maybe made by appointment only at 2591 Savannah Dr, Central Point, 97502
Call 541-261-2243 for dates and times.

If you are going to bring items to the next Club meeting in April, realize that I have only a SUV.
We do need your donations by April 30th.

You can donate anything new or in new status or gift certificates to a favorite place. Maybe you are bold enough to ask for donations on behalf of the club. We do need to continue to keep our funds alive and healthy to support our Conservation interests and Scholarship funds.

Applegate River Outing.

It was a very beautiful day in the outdoors. Even though the water was very low and clear, those of us who got up early to venture out, enjoyed a beautiful day on the water. I am aware of only one fish landed and that was by our new member "Randy". The winter season will be over by the time you read this, so we'll have to wait until next January to try again.



Casting For Recovery & Project Healing Waters

Over the past 2 months we have collected \$265.00 for these causes. We want to thank each member and ask that you continue each month to give from your heart. RFF will match up to \$1000 out of our general fund over the course of this year.

Thank you All

Received from John MacDiarmid

I had a guy come out and learn to cast with me a few years ago and he recently died. A mutual friend got in touch because he is trying to sell the guy's fishing stuff for the widow. Would you please try to get the following in the newsletter. THANKS!

FOR SALE: Chest waders, stocking foot, proline, xl \$75. Felt sole boots, size 10, \$55. Mesh vest, 2xl \$25. All used very little. 541-858-9027.



Clint Brumitt

Clint Brumitt, RFF Charter Member & RFF's Second President back in the 1970's, and **Galen DeShon**, RFF Honorary Life Member, and early leader in kick-starting RFF's Conservation effort, quickly offered to help improve RFF's 42-year Habitat / Conservation history. Clint spent most of two days sorting through about 550 35mm slides from club archives, identifying photo locations, many individuals included in the slides, and in some instances, the year of the photo. Galen donated two photos of RFF helping build a lower jump pool for the Wimer Dam fish ladder on Evans Creek. Photo shows (L to R) Terry Farrell, Jerry Budzik, and Galen DeShon, all from ODFW, and Rich Fielder, Green Valley Pump and RFF member, and TWO unidentified RFF members. **Can you identify the 2 RFF Members? Or offer any other historic RFF photos of early Conservation activity?** Please tell Mike Masters (541) 261-2243, or John Ward (541) 482-2859. Thanks.



wimerdam 1988 Treey Farrell ODFW, Jerry Budzik ODFW, Galen DeShon ODFW, Rick Fielder RFF 2 unknown



Wimer dam 1988, Galen DeShon, Rick Fielder and unknown adding lower jump pool at wimer dam fish ladder

The Rogue Flyfishers is Proud to Present
Our Annual Fund Raising Auction

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Saturday May 17th 2014—Rogue Regency Ballroom

Silent Auction 5:30 to 7:00 PM Dinner 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Oral Auction 8:00 to 9:00 PM Checkout 9:00 to 9:30 PM

This is our club's major source of income to fund future conservation projects
and support Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!

All Inclusive Menu Choices include entrée, side dishes, desserts and varieties
of red and white wines

Menu Choices:

**Chicken Marsala or New York Strip Steak or Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten,
or Lactose Free Meals**

Cost is \$25 Per Person and Reservations are required!

Reservations and menu selections may be made to Kellie by email
kclmbr@msn.com or by text/phone to 541-776-4094



ROGUE FLYFISHERS – 2014 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION

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While the Internet has made sharing knowledge easy, and making new friends in other countries possible, there is no substitute for tangible camaraderie and learning in person. ASFI aims to take virtual reality into the flesh for an old-time learning experience. Long-distance friends will have a chance to meet, new relationships will be forged, and tiers of all generations can share

their knowledge.

Currently, no less than ten countries will be representing, from Japan to Germany, and we have only just begun! The best Atlantic Salmon fly tiers from hairwings to the most complex, gaudiest Victorian featherwings will demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge on tying and fishing these storied patterns. ASFI will not only feature fly tiers, but also have hook maker demonstrations, dyemasters teaching the craft of colors, and seminars on history, design, and methods are to be had.

We look forward to your participation in maintaining the momentum of the tradition, and making the first ASFI a success!

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Clay Salmon Activity 2014 NW Fly Tyer & Fishing EXPO, 3/9/2014

Sixty-five to seventy-five youngsters kept Rogue Flyfisher's booth busy on **Family Fun Day** at the 2014 NW Fly Tyer & Fishing EXPO in Albany, OR. The pre-teen crowd of Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts and other youth visiting EXPO with their families created and glazed ceramic salmon with coaching by RFF's **Mike Masters, Bob Larsell, Jay Daley** and **John Ward**. Youngsters choose from Chinook, Coho, or Steelhead species; wild or hatchery fish; chrome or spawning colors as they fashioned clay salmon with matching fins and features prior to glazing in appropriate colors. Families left with precious but unfired treasure to take to their local pottery kiln for firing. It was great family fun and a very memorable EXPO.

President Sherry Steele of Oregon Conference, Federation of Fly Fisher stopped by for a photo with Mike Masters, John Ward, and a young couple whose daughter won a terrific bamboo fly rod in the FFF raffle. A very lucky young lady.



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North Umpqua Outing

On April 5, David Haight will lead an outing to the North Umpqua River to fish for its wild winter steelhead. The North Umpqua is famous among fly fishers for its summer steelhead fishery, but it is a great destination for winter steelhead too. It is a beautiful river, and its steelhead tend to be larger and more challenging than those on the Rogue.

We will meet at Swiftwater Park (just a little below Rock Creek and the lower boundary of the fly water) at 9:00 AM. After a brief discussion about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes in the lower half of the fly water. We will then spread out along the river to fish. At that time, I will be happy to help anyone looking for additional instruction about fishing the North Umpqua or about steelhead fishing in general.

During the winter season, Spey rods can be an asset on the North Umpqua, but single-handed rods of about 8-weight will also work. Sink-tip lines or shooting heads will help you get your flies down to the fish. A wide variety of flies will work--from the traditional steelhead patterns to large intruder-style flies. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, wading belt, and wading staff. If you have one, an inflatable PFD will add an extra level of safety. Be sure to pack your rain jacket, polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

Unfortunately, most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season. The Dogwood Motel (dogwoodmotel.com, 541-496-3403), located near the lower end of the fly water, is a decent place to stay at a reasonable price.

The Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, if it fits your budget, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.



David Haight, Outings Chair

Summer Casting

Beginning May 4, we will gather to cast on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00P.M. at Hedrick Middle School on East Jackson in Medford. Otis Swisher, Tom Collett, and John MacDiarmid look forward to casting with you and giving you pointers to improve your casting if you like. If you just want to "warm up" and tighten up your loops before the season starts, then come on out. If you are wondering what tightening up your loops means, then you definitely would benefit from some time with the casting instructors. If you are having trouble with a particular cast or casting situation, we may be able to help. As always we really enjoy starting beginners correctly. In addition to beginners and open casting every session, we are also going to have specific lessons on specific cast. The first specific classes will be on May 18 & 25 and deal with improving your accuracy. First off, how close do you have to be to a trout to present the fly? Can you drop it in a 2' circle at that distance? Working on our fishing and casting instruction training, we can help you with that. Subsequent classes will deal with cross body casting, slack line casting, the double haul and distance.

An Introduction To The Art, Science and Joy of Fly Fishing

In this one day class for beginners and novices you will learn everything you need to get started fishing the Rogue for steel head and trout. The class will cover wadding equipment, rods, reels, lines, leaders and flies. Basic knots will be taught and there will be a section on entomology, aquatic insects, and the flies that imitate them. The final lesson will be on presenting the fly and casting. If you have a rod, reel and line, bring it but do not go out and buy one for the class. We will cover what rod to buy in the class. The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you will need one. Each year in late May and early June a large stone fly hatch occurs in the upper Rogue River above Shady Cove. The class will cover how to fish this hatch. We will also pick an evening to visit the "Holy Water" and cast our stone flies over feeding rainbows.

You must be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto.

The class will be held on May 3 from 9 to 3:30 at the club house for the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill. Traveling North on I-5 take Exit 40 at Gold Hill and proceed South on the Old Stage Road towards Jacksonville, the park is well identified on the right.

John MacDiarmid an FFF Certified Casting Instructor is the class instructor. Email him at jmacd@jeffnet.org to register for the class. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend. Folks that signed up at the RFF beginning fly tying class are already registered, you will be contacted by John.

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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