



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.

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PROGRAM

Dylan Rose

Eastern Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula fishing Baby Tarpon



Dylan began his fly fishing career in 1997 working for a fly shop in Seattle. Since that time he has worked extensively as a guide, retailer, instructor, e-commerce specialist, blogger and sales representative for lines including Winston, Patagonia, Ross, Scientific Anglers and Idylwilde. Dylan's passion for the sport has taken him to destinations throughout Belize, Mexico, Christmas Island, Venezuela, Bahamas, Alaska, British Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all throughout the American west. His drive and dedication to the sport revolves around a deep seated love for the outdoors and a desire to help protect wild places and the fish that inhabit them. Dylan is also a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor, a gifted fly tier and an accomplished photographer. Dylan has travelled extensively through Eastern Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula fishing Baby Tarpon. His presentation will focus on these fisheries and travelling through this area. Dylan books many of these destinations for Fly Water Travel.

DUES ARE DUE

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2015

President's Message

Well, as fate would have it, Kellie mentioned that last month was not my last President's Message, but rather this month's will be. I have loved working with her over the last several years. No one in the club has more energy and drive to continually keep our club going strong than her. We are all very lucky to have her at the top once again starting January 1, 2015.

As for me, I will continue to head up our Annual Auction and serve on the board this coming year. The Auction will be in May this coming year. **And yes, we need help organizing it.** We could use 6-8 of our membership to help out again this year as committee members. We are asking every member to step up again this year in either donating a nice item or simply procuring something from a company around our valley area. You can contact me any time after the Chili Feed on January 1st and drop off your donation starting in January. This month's newsletter will reflect on the many things we have done with our fund raising dollars. You should be very proud of the accomplishments we've helped with or took on ourselves.

We have recently lost 2 of our beloved members. Jack Rowe and Dick Bonamarte have both passed from our midst this year. They were both very big contributors to our club and auctions. They will be missed dearly and our hearts go out to their families.

I also want to thank all of you who welcomed Dorothy to our December meeting. Casting for Recovery really does work wonders. And to those of you who listened to her thank you speech, I'm sure you were touched by her words of gratitude. Our club does make a difference!! I think you will agree.

I was able to fish quite a bit this last year. My hopes are to fish even more this coming year. I ventured out to new waters as I continue my quest to fish as many different waters in Oregon as possible. I tested waters such as Miller Lake, East Lake, North Umpqua River, Metolius River, Klamath Lake, and the small mouth waters of the John Day River. Not bad for one year of reaching out. This year might include the Blitzen River area of the Steen's Mountains, the Grand Ronde River, and the Wallowa Mountain area. And in June I'll be fishing my favorite area in the Boundary Waters of North Eastern Minnesota. Think of a 6 lb Smallmouth Bass tugging on 4-5 Wt rods or a 37" Northern Pike. It is a very different atmosphere while enjoying the occasional and beautiful Northern Lights in the evenings. We fish like crazy for a week and eat like Kings. I think we might have a couple of openings if you might like to venture out of Oregon this year. Either call me or email if you might like more information on this trip.

As this year comes to an end and I did mention thanks to many of you in last month's newsletter and I just want to say it again.....THANK YOU ALL

Mike Masters

DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2015 YEAR

Don't forget the club needs your dues to continue our club work

Dorothy Destache expresses her thanks to Casting for Recovery for her retreat experience.

(This is a letter read to the general membership at the December dinner meeting:)



Hi, my name is Dorothy and I am a Breast Cancer survivor, since January 2013. Kind of sounds like an AA meeting. But I am also a: mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, friend, gardener, bowler, reader, and thanks to the Casting for Recovery organization, I am learning how to fly fish. I can't tell how excited I was to get the notice from the Casting for Recovery organization that I was randomly selected to attend the Black Butte Ranch retreat this last October 17-19th. I submitted my applications for the 2013 retreats in Elkton (September) and Black Butte (October) and was not chosen. This year I was one of the lucky ones! Only 14 participants are chosen for each retreat. And that leaves a lot of disappointed applicants. But there is always next year, we hope.

The weekend starts when you arrive at the Black Butte Ranch and check in with the Casting for Recovery Staff and Volunteers. We get room assignments, introductions, and an Overview of the Program. We give info for our fishing license, and then we try on the waders and boots. That was exiting. We had a full schedule for the weekend retreat. The weekend involved: Intro to Fly-Fishing and knot-tying, a presentation of what Fish eat, Casting demo and Instruction and practice time on the lawn, group discussions for the physical effects of Breast Cancer and another group discussion of the emotional effects of Breast Cancer. And there were goodies for us at almost every meeting or meal that included: blanket (for the campfire we had the Friday evening), containers of flies, sunscreen, flashlight, scarfs, and lots more. We were treated like royalty and very pampered.

On Sunday we are introduced to our personal River Helper (or Pond Guide in our case). We had breakfast and got to know them; then we gear up and head out for our day of guided Catch and Release Fly-Fishing. And that's what it is all about. Well, not so fast, before we head out there are lots of pictures. Once we walk to our place on the pond, we try to put into practice all that we have been taught. Practice, practice, practice.

It was one of the most beautiful weekends I have had. Early in the mornings, there were photo clubs taking pictures of the pond and the water was like glass. The weather was absolutely perfect: around 70, some clouds, calm waters, no bugs. Being out in the middle of nature at its best, it was breath-taking.

So, why am I here tonight? It is an opportunity to thank some of the very people who are responsible for me to participate in the weekend and this wonderful organization. I am truly grateful. And I hope that you continue to support Casting for Recovery so others can have this experience. Thank you. —Dorothy Destache

Menu For January 21, 2015 Dinner

Roasted Pork Loin with Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Salad with Dressing
Warm Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert
Coffee, Iced Tea or Decaf

Vegetarian Meals are available and will feature a main Entrée, Vegetables, Salad and Sides.

If you would like a Vegetarian Meal or a Gluten Free Meal, please let Kellie know at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094 by Monday the 19th if possible.

Casting for Recovery Items for Sale

Nautilus #5 Reel CFR limited edition \$200.00

3.5" Dia, 4.2 oz, for 4 to 6-wt line with 5-wt floating line and backing

(\$350.00 value).

Guideline AWM Fly Rod \$100.00

5 wt. 9' 3 piece with sock and tube

Custom made CFR Fly Rod \$90.00

5 wt. 8' 4 piece with sock

Wooden Trout Net \$50.00

All items are brand new. If interested, contact Tanya Haight at 541-855-9043 or tmdrhaight@infostructure.net.



All proceeds go directly to: Casting for Recovery

In Memoriam

Our club lost another beloved member over the holidays, Dick Bonamarte, who passed away on December 22nd. Dick was a great friend to many and friendly to all. His perpetual smile made him welcoming and his presence always made anything more enjoyable. Dick was in the Army earlier in his life, then a Teamster's representative and then a motel owner in Twin Falls. Dick and wife, Helen, who passed away in 2009, moved to Medford in 1992 and if he wasn't having lunch at Hometown Buffet, he was either tying flies or fishing. The total number of flies Dick donated to the club over the many years that he was a member probably total in the thousands. His was a generous nature and he was proud of being a contributor. If you fished with a Green Butt Skunk, Sheep Creek Special or Mike St. John's Big Bird, you were fishing with some of Dick's favorites. It never mattered to Dick what he caught, he just loved being out there. He had many fishing buddies in the club and so many friends. Knowing that Dick was gone made the holidays a little sad this year but I swear there was an extra star shining in the skies. We will all miss you Dick.

The Rogue Flyfishers Plan a Variety of Outings for 2015

The Rogue Flyfishers will host outings to many of the great fishing destinations our area has to offer. Some will be to favorite destinations we return to often. Others will be to new destinations we have not fished as a club in recent years. The outings will target a variety of fish in a variety of waterbodies. Besides being a lot of fun, the outings offer the opportunity to discover new fisheries, learn new techniques, and get to know fellow club members better.

David Haight, Outings Chair

RFF Outings Schedule for 2015

DATE	OUTING	HOST/CONTACT
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight
January 17	Lower Rogue Winter Steelhead	David Haight
March 7	Applegate Steelhead	Mike Masters
April 4	North Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
April 28 - 30	Upper Williamson River	John Ward
May 9	Beginning Fly Fishing Class	John MacDiarmid
May 23 - 30	Burney/Lassen Streams & Lakes	Bill Childress
June 27	Upper Klamath Lake	Jack Patterson
June 30 - July 2	Chewaucan River/Dairy Creek	John Ward
July 11	Upper Sacramento River	Will Johnson
August 4 - 6	Upper Williamson River	John Ward
September 26 - 27	Coquille Coho	David Haight
October 10	Steelhead Tournament	Will Johnson
<i>TBA</i>	Klamath Steelhead	Will Johnson
January 1, 2016	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

WHAT YOUR CLUB DID WITH CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR 2014 THIS MONEY WAS RAISED BY OUR ANNUAL AUCTION AND STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT

(Hopefully this will inspire and encourage everyone to continue to contribute to our fundraisers.)

January—\$1,800 toward Evans Creek Dam Removal— There are two dams, the Fielder and Weimer, which are the last two impeding dams for migrating fish. Removal of these dams will ad 40 miles of access to migrating Coho and Steelhead. This was paid for with the proceeds from the 2013 Steelhead tournament.

February—\$250 to Rogue River keeper—Provided educational, informative materials, including maps to property owners directly impacted by the proposed LNG pipeline. These land owners became a crucial part of our NO LNG movement population.

February—\$1,000 to Bear Creek Watershed —The subsurface of the creek, located near the ball fields off 99 in Phoenix/Medford is uneven and the water temperature has been an issue. The money we donated paid for test holes which uncovered the fact that a buried sewer line adjacent to the creek is raising water temperatures to an unhealthy level. Once this was discovered, a new way to bring in cooling water was created. Because of our test holes, the Watershed now has a solution to this problem and the necessary documentation to secure grant funding to accomplish this critical habitat improvement.

April \$1,575 for OSU scholarship

July—\$1,850 to Water Watch for Gold Hill Irrigation District cleanup—The area addressed in this project consisted of an open channel (glorified ditch) which was home to predatory fish and resulting in the demise of the fish we are trying to protect. Our donation helped install a new head gate, with screen, protecting the migrating fish and improving their passages and spawning capabilities.

July—\$500 to Rick Hafele to critique the city of Medford’s outflow study—The outfall study, which was quite lengthy and technical, needed to be condensed into bullet points in order to succeed in our quest to address and correct the hot water and loss of critical habitat that the treatment plant has created. Rick was able to compile such a list and we were successfully able to use this information as ammunition in our fight to restore this failing and necessary habitat.

August—\$500 to Oregon Stewardship to support youth and conservation— An annual donation to Jim Hutchins and his crew who clean up and maintain critical habitat on Bear Creek.

September—\$500 CRAG Law Center toward study of the effect of the water quality of the proposed LNG Pipeline. We cannot fight and win without the legal folks whose expertise is in dealing with these critical and life changing environmental issues.

December— \$2,250 to Stream Restoration project, consisting of the \$1585 balance from the Reed Ryan Conservation Fund plus \$665 of club funds—This money went for removal of an unexpected dam, associated with Pacific Power, on Jones Creek in Grants Pass. This stream restoration project included correction of bank contours and the necessary riparian plantings as well.

December—\$500 TO Casting for Recovery and \$500 for Project Healing Waters

TOTAL OF FUNDS DISPERSED FOR 2014—\$9390.00

The money raised from out auction and steelhead tournament goes into the bank and is dispersed very carefully by your Board of Directors after reviewing each project. This is why is it so important that all club members continue to support these events. Give yourselves a pat on the back. None of this would be possible without your support!

Thanks to every person in the club serving on the Board of Directors. It is a great responsibility and we are grateful for the time, effort and dedication of each and every person serving.

Thanks also, to every club member who actively supports conservation efforts throughout the year. There are a lot of people who work without acknowledgement, showing up at public forums to represent our fish and water conservation, preservation and restoration ideals. There are folks who walk and haul and dig and clean all year to keep our waters and habitat healthy.

We should also acknowledge and thank the committee chairs and members, for their dedication and long hours fighting the good fight. Thanks to our esteemed newsletter editor, website gurus, fly tiers etc.

The founding fathers of this club, I’m sure, are proud of the legacy we continue to preserve and improve.

A brief reminder that anyone with questions or suggestions is invited to attend a board meeting which is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center at 238 North Holly street in downtown Medford.

Parking is located behind the building off the alley and entrance in through the back.

-Kellie Christensen

January Outing--Winter Steelhead on the Lower Rogue

Since January is one of the slower times for fishing in our area, we typically head to the coast where fishing for winter steelhead is in full swing. This year, we will head to a river where I don't think we have fished for winter steelhead as a club before--the lower Rogue River near Gold Beach. The lower Rogue is a big river with large gravel bars and long runs well suited to swinging flies with long rods. If you don't have a Spey or switch rod, don't worry, the steelhead usually travel close to shore within easy range of single-handed rods.

On January 17, we will meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at the Indian Creek Cafe located a short distance upstream of Hwy 101 on the south side of the Rogue (94682 Jerry's Flat Road). If you don't want to eat breakfast, join us there by 9:00 AM.

The lower Rogue River offers plenty of opportunities for both bank and boat anglers. Many of the large gravel bars are publicly owned and easy to get to, giving bank anglers plenty of places to fish. Drift boats, pontoon boats, jet boats, and even prop boats, if you are careful, can be used to access other good locations.

For equipment, seven to eight-weight Spey or switch rods paired with Skagit heads and an assortment of tips would be ideal. Similar weight single-handed rods with sink-tip lines or sinking shooting heads will also work well. Bring 10 to 15-lb tippet material and an assortment of flies--from traditional steelhead patterns, to egg-sucking leeches, to intruders. Black or purple flies with a bit of bright color mixed in often work well. If you prefer to dead-drift egg patterns or nymphs, you can do that too. Pack your wader and rain gear as well.

Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining options, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds along the river. You can find more information at www.goldbeach.org.

There are a variety of other fishing options in the area. If you want to try a smaller stream, Hunter Creek and Pistol River have good runs of winter steelhead. Due to the uncertainty of river conditions during the winter, be sure to check the club's website before you leave for the outing to see if we had to make any last-minute changes.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Dick Ruff Award given to Otis Swisher

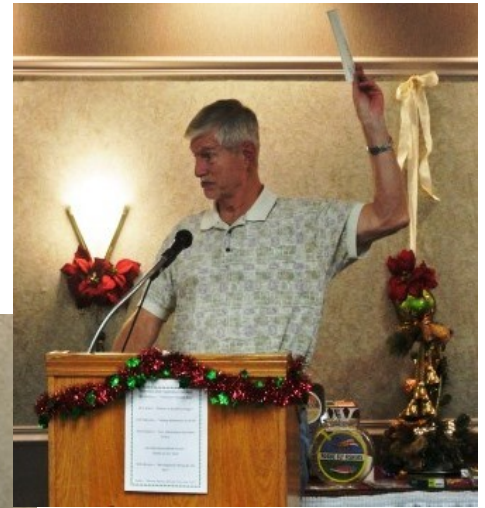
The Rogue Flyfishers was pleased to present dedicated club member, Otis Swisher with the much coveted, and rarely awarded, Dick Ruff Award. This award is given to an individual who through their time, effort and resources has helped promote the purposes of the club to the highest levels. These purposes are promoting the conservation, protection and enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources and habitat, promoting conservation of recreational resources and facilitating and improving the knowledge of fly fishing. There could not be a more deserving recipient. Congratulations and thank you Otis!



December 2014 Rogue Flyfishers reflections Holiday Dinner Photos



John Storfold, President of SOFF and active member of Project Healing Waters was happy to accept our donation!



Kellie was the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Club Member of the year award.



Tanya Haight accepted our donation of \$745 to Casting for Recovery. We are so grateful for her continued good health!

A good time was had by all.....



Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He is an MBA graduate from Southern Oregon University. Adam can be found on local waters during most weekends as he enjoys introducing others in the area to this sport. He teaches fly fishing for the city of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.



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Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** __ (\$35.00), **Family** __ (\$45.00), or **Junior** __ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
 (Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) **Dues accompany your application.** With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social Wet Fly from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Renew in December for the following year.

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