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# NEWSLETTER

July 2010

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## SUMMER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

Time for the Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic

Come out and Join your friends for a day of fun at Emigrant Lake



Wednesday July 21, 2010

Emigrant Lake site "A"

5:00 pm arrival / social hour

6:00 pm dinner followed by club raffle

\$4.00 parking ... \$6.00 for dinner and raffle ticket

You must bring CASH for the entry fee and parking, no credit is accepted.

## July President's Message

Piscatorial legerdemain, that's what it is! Piscatorial legerdemain in its purest form. Mr. Dan Kellogg, consider yourself accused publicly of willful, deliberate, and highly skilled, piscatorial legerdemain. But I get ahead of myself.

It all started in 1941, I decided to see if I could catch one of those trout that dimpled the lake's surface in front of our camp at Huntington Lake. The fly in a local tackle shop looked to this 8-year-old kid about like an overgrown ladybird beetle with eyes painted in front, so I bought it and tied it to a short leader and plain old braided (or twisted?) fishing line that we used in those days. Casting was hypothetical at best. It was an absolute failure. After the war I fell in with some gents who offered advice and guidance. One of them sold me a level G line for my old cane rod, which improved casting considerably. It would cast maybe 20 or 30 feet if there was no wind. In those days line diameters were specified as A, B, C, and so on, with diameters decreasing with succeeding letters of the alphabet. My first tapered line, for example, was GBG. Fly selection improved significantly too, and included a Silver Doctor among others, but that's the one I remember. Caught a bunch of trout with it too. One memory stands out of fishing a meandering stream through a large open meadow, and the game became how close could I allow the fish to get to the fly before jerking it away. That's right, the object of the game was NOT to catch those 7 and 8 inch brookies.

The next year my tutor showed me how to tie my own flies, and the selection of flies became much broader and more diverse. The first fly we tied was Gray Hackle Yellow Body, a simple fly but I'll never forget it. When the fly was finished our instructor held it up with his thumb and finger and announced, "That fly will catch fish." The test came the following summer at Huntington Lake when nobody was looking and I tied the thing on my leader, cast it out onto the lake, and guess what. A fish grabbed it! Again I'll never forget the first thought that came to my mind at that instant. It was, "What a dumb fish!"

All that was a lot of years ago. Several wars have come and gone, but my tying skills really haven't progressed very much. I just became more careful and added a new twist to the game. Now I fish mostly with my own patterns. It all started one summer when I decided to pattern flies based upon what I found in the fish's stomachs. Some of that was modestly successful, but all of it immensely rewarding. Now if that isn't cunning and guile, deceit and artifice, I don't know what is. The slick part of it is that you never lose! If the new creation doesn't work, that's all right because the odds are against you in the first place. But when it does catch fish, that is occasion for a self satisfied smile that is reserved for special occasions when nobody is looking and you do something right. It just feels good. Real good.

And so here we are today with equipment, technique, and knowledge way beyond what we dreamed of 60 or 70 years ago. But the thrill of fooling a fish with a little creation of our own hasn't changed since Dame Juliana Berners' time over five centuries ago. Many who read this piece understand exactly. For those who wish to learn more, Dan Kellogg's monthly meetings with Southern Oregon Fly Tiers is a good place to start. Dan is a master craftsman and teacher, and following his advice is the best advice that I can offer. But mind you, you too might be accused of piscatorial legerdemain, the most delicious accusation any fly fisher could hope for.

**Don't forget the July meeting is the annual Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic at Emigrant Lake.  
Details elsewhere in this Newsletter**

### **So Many Fish, So Little Time - July**

Compared with other rivers within a day's drive, the Rogue isn't half bad as they release around 2,000 c.f.s. at this writing. Reports from other rivers, including the Umpqua, McKenzie, and Chewaucan all indicate high water making conditions difficult for wading and fishing. The Rogue, however, is fishing fairly well with trout and an occasional small steelhead taking nymphs or swinging flies. But watch your back cast, being careful not to hook one of those salmon fishers who are out in force. Oh well, I guess salmon season is good for the local economy.

My luck on Diamond Lake was modest last week. Early anglers seemed to do well, although evidence suggests that they were mostly using bait. During the middle part of the day catching was slow for most of us. Lost Creek Lake has lost most of its algae, and other local reservoirs and ponds ought to offer light recreational fishing as well. Best bet, however, is casting nymphs for trout and small steelhead in the Rogue. As for shad, the Umpqua River was too high as of a couple weeks ago, but it should come down significantly making it fishable for late shad in early July and also bass.





**OF NOTE**  .....by Kellie Christensen

Greetings from the Chewaucan River! Unlike previous excursions to this beautiful and unspoiled river, this trip found us surrounded by lush green meadows filled with wildflowers and water that was very deep and twice its normal flow. Fish were elusive due to the sudden onslaught of hot weather after a very wet and prolonged winter and spring, but a few beauties were hooked. It was a memorable trip for those that came and I am pleased to report that we left this pristine area just as we found it—clean and preserved for the next nature lovers to fish and enjoy.



The above is our campsite, on the river



**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

There are several outings in the next few weeks so look for the details in this month's edition.

For those of you attending the Lonesome Duck Outing, information will be forthcoming from Kellie in the next week. Also, we are having our "Steelhead Class" on August 7th. If you want the scoop on this class, please contact Kellie at 541-776-4094 or [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com).

I am pleased to report that our friend David Wang is recuperating from his biking accident but still needs your thoughts and prayers. His right arm is far from healed and it will be awhile before he can work and fish with it again.

**WILL THE PERSON THAT PURCHASED HIS SPEY LESSONS AT THE AUCTION PLEASE CALL HIM AT 541-646-2972.**



## My First Steelhead

Otis Swisher

About 10 miles up the Rogue River from Wedderburn at its mouth there is a small tributary called Lobster Creek. The year was 1949.

This was the second visit I was making to Oregon. On the first trip two years earlier I had gotten to know my future in-laws when Ross introduced me to their "homestead" he had acquired as an eligible veteran of WWI. It was up the Chetco River approximately six miles; then, up a steep, winding grade past the Elementary School Ruth taught in for a few years.

Their one room "cabin" had been built by Ross and his Dad. from scratch. Round poles for rafters. Round logs for corner posts. The roof and sides covered with long, thin pine "shakes" they had hewn by hand with a tool they called a "fro". A wood stove. Kerosene lanterns. Oil cloth for the table covering. A big cast iron "pot" to heat water in for washing clothes on the "rub a dub" washboard. Things had been tough.

The one-room cabin was supplemented by a similarly designed "cooling house" built over a small spring. Refrigeration was simple and adequate, only because the meat (mostly locally grown poached venison) was smoked and dried to preserve.

This mansion and its refrigeration along with its "one holer" out behind the home was set among Doug Fir. Real coastal rain forest sized trees 200 feet high and 6 feet and more at DBH (diameter at breast height). They provided shade but prohibited the necessary garden plot. That was quite a distance away in an opening they called "Yank Prairie".

No nearby neighbors. But, the "natives" were in similar straits and very friendly. They were very good to us for years, too.

Now, back to the Rogue and Lobster Creek. Our center pole tent was pitched on the gravel bar and only a few feet from the river. This was a long time before camping was prohibited here. Pity.

Lobster Creek in August hadn't much of a flow back then. A trickle between "small pools" was all. But, to this flatland tourist it was wonderful to walk on the cobbled stones that looked like granite. Best of all, this was an introduction to coastal streams which have no slime or mud like some late summer streams I was used to in Ohio.

I hiked a short way up Lobster Creek after supper. I wet waded a couple of pools. Then, I just stood in a pool enjoying the coolness of the water on my legs. Tree roots lined the bank. They were washed clean of soil. Just open roots. The flow had undercut the roots to a depth of about 2-1/2 feet. And, then as I stood looking, a glint came from the darkness of that underwater cave.

Curious, I waded to the edge of the exposed roots, leaned down and peered into the water, and there only three feet from my face was a fish of probably 18 inches. It just finned in place. No excitement. No surge around the small pool. Just finning.

Why I did what I did I'll never know. I reached down and under the roots getting wet almost up to my shoulder and slowly put my hands under the fish and lifted it out of its "lie" and up to the surface.

The fish was undoubtedly badly stressed because it didn't thrash

around, it just came up to the surface for me to look at briefly. Then, I lowered it. It moved off my hands and went slowly back to its haunt.

I moved out of the pool. I did not know at the time that I had "caught" my first Steelhead.

## Hawthorn Casting Clinic

We continue to have good numbers of casters on Wed. @ 6:00P.M. at Hawthorn but there is always room for more to share the joy of casting.

Otis is on vacation this Wed.(30th). John will be there.

## SOFT

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their BBQ Picnic Potluck, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 5:00 PM, at the Valley Of The Rogue State Park Day Use Area "A". Let Dale Heath know if you need directions to get to day use area "A" [deheath504@clearwire.net](mailto:deheath504@clearwire.net)

We'll start gathering at 5:00 PM, and start eating at 6:00 PM. I'm sure John and/or Otis will be there to help with casting, before and after, so bring your rods.

Paul Cook will again be the Hamburger Grill Master. The State fee for the reserved area has gone up again and we're asking for donations to help pay for the fee and hamburgers. \$4 for singles and \$7 for couples. That will cover the fee, burgers, plates, plastic, and condiments.

Email me with your hamburger reservations. Yes, you can have two each. But no email, no hamburgers." [deheath504@clearwire.net](mailto:deheath504@clearwire.net)

Everyone needs to bring their own drinks and a side dish to share.

A through L, please bring a salad or your favorite dish.

M through Z, please bring a dessert or your favorite dish.

The June meeting was informative, educational, interesting, enjoyable, and tasty. Another special night at SOFT. Thank you, Loren Black, Ron Metzger, and Mark Teeters, for a wonderful evening. And thank you, Mike Marchando, for the huge amount of blended rabbit mask, that you so generously shared with us.

## Club Librarian

Our new librarian, Curt Schlosser, would like to encourage people to return to the July meeting any DVDs or books they have borrowed from the club so they can be inventoried and get them available to everyone. They can return them to Curt Schlosser, Dick Chambers or Kellie.

## Upper Sac Outing CANCELLED

The Upper Sac Trout Outing was scheduled for Saturday July 17 and 18. Due to conflicts at work, Will Johnson, at the Ashland Fly Shop, will not be able to host this outing. Therefore, it has been necessary to cancel the outing for this year.

# On The Fly

July 2010

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

## SOFT BBQ PICNIC POTLUCK ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010, 5:00 PM

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## PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Morrish’s Pickpocket

Hook: Daiichi 1710, 2X long nymph, size 16-10  
Thread: 8-0 to match.  
Bead: gold, black or copper.  
Weight: Lead wire, size to match hook.  
Tail: 3-4 Pheasant tail fibers.  
Abdomen: 2 different colors of BR size ultrawire.  
Back: Goose biot to match one color of wire.  
Thorax: Ice dubbing.  
Legs: Midge flash  
Wingcase: Same goose biot



### Tying Instructions

- Step 1 Mash the barb, place the bead on the hook, and mount the hook in the vise. Wrap 10-12 turns of lead wire, trim, and slide the lead into the back of the bead.
- Step 2: Start the thread behind the lead and secure the wraps to the hook shank with widely spiraled turns ending just above the barb.
- Step 3: Tie in the pheasant tail fibers for the tail and trim the butts.
- Step 4: Tie in one of each of the two colored wires nest to each other.
- Step 5: Build a slight taper with thread.
- Step 6: Tie in the goose biot by the tip with the thick end off the back over the tail.
- Step 7: Make three wraps of wire holding both colors firmly, keeping them together. Unwrap one of the wires three wraps leaving the other wire wrapped.
- Step 8: Pull the goose biot over the back and rewrap the unwrapped wire being sure to fill the gaps left by unwrapping. Gently pull the goose biot back towards the tail.
- Step 9: Make two wraps forward with the double wires, unwrap the same color as before two wraps, pull the biot forward and rewrap.
- Step 10: Repeat with two wraps until the wire reaches 60% up the hook, make one wire wrap, tie off and clip the wires, not the biot.
- Step 11: Tie in one strand of midge flash where the wire ends, across the top of the shank to form the rear pair of legs.
- Step 12: Dub the thorax with ice dubbing then take two strands of midge flash and tie one on each side of the shank forming two legs on each side.
- Step 13: Pull the remaining biot over the thorax forming the wing case. Secure with thread wraps just behind the bead. Trim the excess, whip finish, cement, and trim the legs to length.

Morrish's Pickpocket was developed by Ken Morrish of Ashland, Oregon. Ken is a full-time fly fishing professional. His expertise has led him to become a well respected fly fishing and tying teacher, a tackle consultant, a top notch published photographer, and environmentalist. He also designs an extensive line of fly patterns for Idylwild Flies of Portland. In 1999 he started Fly Water Travel, specializing in exotic, international angling destinations.

My interest in this pattern was peaked by my friend, Bob Claypool, who surprisingly listed it as one of his favorite summer steelhead flies. According to Bob his success with this small #10 size nymph was amazing. That old adage about big fly, big fish, doesn't hold true for many anglers who have reached the big ones with Ken's deadly little nymph.

### Tying Tips:

Don't be discouraged by the number of steps in the instructions on this one. It is not complicated, just a little tedious with the wrapping, unwrapping, and rewrapping of the wire. Variations are as numerous as the number of color combinations you can create with the materials. Brown, olive, copper, and black seem to be the most popular. Vary the size of the hook for water flow conditions and depth. The bead, lead and wire give the weight and classic shape. The legs add the movement, and the ice dub does the attraction duties. So tie some up, give them a test flight and let me know how you do. Thanks Bob!

Tie One On,

**Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: [flyguy@eznorthwest.com](mailto:flyguy@eznorthwest.com))**



## **HYDE LAKE**

Outing with Sons  
By Dennis A Dedrick

When I heard Mr. Hyde's program at the RFF, meeting in April, I saw an opportunity to involve my two sons. They are 42 and 35 years old, yet have never fished together. My goal was to create a bonding experience.

Thanks to the Hyde Family and their wonderful lake, my goal was accomplished many times over with every fish landed. Originally, I had an aversion to pay-to-fish places, but this opportunity seemed too good to turn down. My aversion was quickly overcome as we, immediately began to catch large, feisty rainbows.

Though we fished while snow squalls pelted us, we were warm with laughter and the thrill of fighting big fish. The pugilistic abilities of this strain of rainbows exceeds any that I have encountered.

When it was finally time to depart, my oldest proclaimed that he would gladly pay to bring his family next year. A hearty endorsement.



## **Sale table at Club Meeting**

Beginning in August, there will be a table set up at each RFF meeting where members who have signed up may bring a few items to sell to interested club members. Only two members may sign up and bring items each month. We already have Bob Claypool signed up for August and Dale Heath signed up for September. There is one more opening for each of these dates, so, if you are interested, please phone Dennis Dedrick at 541-773-2223. If you have unused fly lines, rods, reels, etc., consider signing up.

## **HANK ROGERS MEMORIAL PICNIC** **\*R\*E\*M\*I\*N\*D\*E\*R\***

July 21, 2010 (3rd Wednesday in July)  
Emigrant Lake site "A"  
5:00 pm arrival / social hour  
6:00 pm dinner followed by club raffle  
\$4.00 parking ... \$6.00 for dinner and raffle ticket  
BBQ Chicken, ice tea, lemonade and coffee provided  
Need to bring table sitting and potluck dish  
Potluck Dishes:

A-J Salads,  
K-P Side Dishes  
Q-Z Bread and Desserts

Club Members working on this year's Picnic include: Bob Claypool, Kellie Christensen, Dale Heath, Mick Cuffe, Dennis Remick, Ethel Rogers, Wally Ramsey, Gary Lewellyn, Marjorie Grotting, Paulette and Gary Graham.

Note: We need three club members to help clean the Ashland Lions' BBQ Grills on Thursday Morning at 10:00 am at the Ashland Car Wash on Siskiyou Blvd. Call Gary at 541-512-1841 to volunteer.

## **Upper Rogue Outing**

Most of us spend a good amount of time fishing the Rogue River below Lost Creek Dam; however, few of us venture above the dam to fish the headwaters of the Rogue. The North, Middle, and South Forks of the Rogue River, as well as a number of tributaries, offer anglers the opportunity to fish for several species of trout in a wonderful setting. Much of this area is within the Rogue River National Forest, and several campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, and other amenities are available. The Rogue Flyfishers will join the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers for a joint outing to this area on Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10. We will camp at the Union Creek Campground, which is to the left of Hwy 62 just before you cross Union Creek. If you don't want to spend the night, you are welcome to come just for a day. We will meet in the campground at 10:00 AM each day to talk about the area and the fishing, then head out from there. Bring your favorite small-stream rod, a floating line, and an assortment of dry flies, wet flies, and nymphs. If you are so inclined, you can also bring a sink-tip line and some streamers to work the log jams for the occasional brown trout. If you are interested in going, please sign up at the June meeting, or contact David Haight at [tmdrhaight@peoplepc.com](mailto:tmdrhaight@peoplepc.com).

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**July**--No program for our Picnic. Bring your rods and we will work on our presentation casts. How do you adjust the cast to present the fly for no drag and more hook-ups? We'll show you how for most situations.

**August**--Bob Hunter will present "Freeing the Rogue", a discussion of the history of Rogue River dams, their removal and the Rogue Flyfishers' involvement.

**September**--Jeff Putnam a FFF Certified Two Handed (read Spey) Casting Instructor from Sacramento has a great program for us on spey techniques for both two handed and single handed rods. The more casting options you have, the better you can cover the water. Jeff will stay in town for a few days and give spey lessons on the river. You can book these lessons through Gary Anderson Custom Rods (541-582-4318).

Have a request or interest for future programs, call John MacDiarmid at 541-840-0183 or email him at [jmacd@jeffnet.org](mailto:jmacd@jeffnet.org).



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Rogue Fly Shop	310 NW Morgan Lane, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825

Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shasttrout.com	(530) 926-5763
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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** \_\_ (\$30.00), **Family** \_\_ (\$35.00), 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. **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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . If a family membership,

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here **Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_  
Are you **retired?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Are you interested in, or want help in (check all as appropriate): **Casting** \_\_ **Fly tying** \_\_ **Fishing Techniques** \_\_ **Water Knowledge** \_\_ **Conservation Activities** \_\_ **Fishing Partner** \_\_ **Organizing Social Activity and Group Outings** \_\_? **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **lake boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ other interests?

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Then it was time to get down to business as Kellie introduced our auctioneer for the evening, Bryon Millard. The bidding was congenial but competitive and lively. Bids were made by raising your assigned number in the air and recorded as items were won. This new and improved system made the bidding process fun and efficient! After the festivities ended, folks made their way to the payment tables where they paid for their items.



**Of Note**  **by Kellie Christensen**

Wow! The 2010 Auction was a spectacular and successful event. The evening began with payment tables where guests moved quickly through the payment process and received their bid numbers. They perused the silent auction which was beautifully organized and when the silent auction ended, the room was sealed.



Guests then dined off beautifully decorated tables, enjoying top notch cuisine and a variety of fine wines. Kellie, who served as “Master of Ceremonies,” thanked the fabulous folks whose time and energy made this event possible.

A few noteworthy guests were in attendance. Rosemarie Davis and Frank Schnitzer, recipients of the club’s “Golden Demon Award” were introduced to the membership by Gary Graham and Mac MacNair.



Also in attendance was one of this year’s RFF scholarship recipients, Jeremiah Psiropoulos, whom Dave Haight introduced to the club. Jeremiah expressed his gratitude for the scholarship and talked about his aspirations for the future.



Lee Wedberg, our esteemed leader, made a couple of announcements and then desserts were enjoyed along with divine chocolates from our loyal friends at Dagoba Organic Chocolates in Ashland

Our wonderful group of student volunteers gathered the treasures together and delivered them to the lucky winners. The event closed at 9:45 PM. We sold 162 silent auction items and 18 oral auction items.



Although the final tallies are not in, this year’s event may well have reached our target goal of \$15,000. We had a much more diverse selection of items this year and the feedback has been very positive and appreciated. Thanks to all of you who made this auction a success. To those of you who did not attend, you missed a really fun evening and we hope to see you at the next one! Congratulations to all the winners!

A certain lucky winner of this year’s coveted “Willie Boat,” generously given by Ethel Rogers, has his former “fish catching vessel” for sale in this month’s classifieds. A true RFF legacy will be yours with purchase!

**EVENTS AND OUTINGS**

Due to the continued onslaught of rain and unpredictable weather, the casting class at TouVelle Park that was scheduled for June 5th had been postponed. We will reschedule this class as soon as possible. Several people have expressed interest in repeating the “Beginner’s Fly Fishing Class,” so Kellie is working on putting another one together.

“The Holy Water Walk and Stalk” on June 11th has been cancelled. Our host is injured and unable to attend and Kellie could not find an alternate host.

**ANY LADIES INTERESTED IN THE WOMEN’S FISHING DAY ON JUNE 19TH SHOULD EMAIL KELLIE AT kclmbr@msn.com OR CALL HER AT 541-776-4094. Let’s all hope for some sunny weather soon!**

**Editor’s Note**

**This page is being reprinted from the June newsletter because the printed copy was unreadable last month.**