



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 the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

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PROGRAM

Doing Alaska on Your Own



Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Red Lion Hotel - 200 North Riverside in Medford
Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7
Buffet Dinner and raffle at 7 PM

Our featured presentation for May is *“Doing Alaska on Your Own”*, by speaker Lee Hibler.

This talk is a general overview of how to put together a float trip on Southeast Alaskan rivers and enjoying the fishing for rainbows, arctic char, dolly varden, grayling, and silver salmon. Lee reports that he has been floating these waters for 24 years, and looks forward to sharing his experiences .

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there on Wednesday, May 16 to hear Lee speak!

President's Message—May 2012
by Kellie Christensen

You meet the most interesting people while waiting in airports!

I sat in the food court at the Seattle airport today, sipping on a Starbucks-just killing time until my flight was boarding. I watched a couple search in vain for an empty table and offered them the extra chairs at mine. While sitting there chatting, they asked me about Medford, and after I mentioned the weather, the gentleman asked me about fishing. (At this point, the lady realizes she has left her cell phone in the restroom and takes off to find it.) Of course that opened the door for me to rave about the beauty of our valley, the wonders of the Mighty Rogue and the joy of fly fishing. Mr. Stranger (I think his name was Ed but I am not sure) said he had fished for many years and always wondered about fly fishing and why it was getting to be so popular. Of course I offered to answer any questions he had and these are a few of the “dillies” he threw at me:

“What’s the difference between the ‘pole’ you use and the ones I have fished with?” (That took awhile to explain!)

“How do you catch a fish on a single barb-less hook” (VERY carefully!)

“What size hook do you use to catch a big fish, like say a good size bass?” (I described the size of the small flies/”hooks” that we use to actually catch some of the biggest fish. He looked at me like I was crazy and had grown a second head!)

“Well, what exactly makes the *hook* ‘land’ if you don’t have any weight on it?” (Once again, more explanation about technique.)

“How does a ‘little thing’ like you catch a fish on a ‘pole’ like that anyway?” (More explanations and a comparison to the difference between playing golf and playing baseball – more about finesse then being a “power slugger”!)

“What kind of fish do you catch in Oregon-are they good eating?” (Well, MOST of us don’t actually keep the fish.)

“**WHAT?** What’s the point of fishing if you don’t keep the fish?” (Another VERY long explanation)

By now he has replaced his skepticism with real curiosity. He makes the comment: “This doesn’t sound anything like the fishing I do. I never really thought about how the fish feels or why letting them go is a good thing.” (Used this comment to make more of my own about fish, habitat etc.)

Now we are making some progress. After a few minutes of talk about our beautiful native fish, the importance of conservation and preservation and other related tidbits, he looks at me with a sense of wonder on his face and says”

“I might just have to have a go of it (fly fishing). It would make me feel really good to have that much fun and go home knowing how many fish I saved.”

Now, I feel satisfied. Another convert? Maybe-but at least I left him with a new perspective. Said “goodbye” and told him I hoped his wife found her phone. (Good luck with that one!)

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So Many Fish, So Little Time - May

Anybody who drifts the river under these conditions is some kind of speed fanatic who wants to get to the end quickly without enjoying the journey. Can you believe this? As this report is being written the Corps of Engineers is reporting over 7,000 c.f.s. at Dodge Bridge. We can expect the flow to be high until much of the snow pack is melted off, so relief is not yet within sight although it should be coming down slowly. Generally we want less than 3,000 c.f.s., and less than 2,000 c.f.s. for best results. All of which serves as strong recommendation for fishing ponds and lakes in May. Near the top of the list, of course, will be Diamond Lake where the main challenge is usually finding a parking space; there is always plenty of fishing water. Mike Masters will be leading an RFF trip there on Saturday, April 19, and he can offer suggestions on tackle and fly selection. Closer to home is Agate Lake where Bruce McGregor is leading a trip on May 5. Also Emigrant Lake and Selmac Lake, where pan fish abound, and other mostly higher elevation lakes often have good trout action. Ponds have been good in late April, mostly for pan fish.

So you think you want to catch steelhead? Think again. The winter fish have spawned and are moving back down to the ocean, and the summer run won’t begin until July, which explains why May and June are usually the slowest months of the year for steelhead in the upper Rogue.



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For more information or to make a reservation, contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or call her at 541-776-4094! 😊

SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is May 8, 2012. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

There won't be any SOFT functions during July & August. We'll start back up again in September. For both of the May & June meetings, we invite people to bring some finger food and snacks to share. You can bring your own beverages to drink or share as you desire. Soft will provide coffee, tap water, cups, napkins, plastic ware, and plates. Invite your spouses and fly tying friends. It's time to enjoy the beginning of some great weather

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass

Outings

May 5--Agate Lake

On May 5, Bruce McGregor plans to host an outing to Agate Lake; however, this outing may be changed if conditions are unsuitable. If the weather remains cool and rainy, be sure to check the RFF website for updates. The plan is to meet at the boat ramp, on the west shore of the lake, at 2:00 PM.

Agate Lake offers good fishing for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and other warmwater gamefish, as well as for stocked rainbow trout. There is plenty of bank access, but a float tube or boat will allow you to access more water. Gasoline engines are prohibited on Agate Lake. For most of the species of fish in the lake, 4 to 6-weight rods will be ideal, but if you plan to target the bass, 6 to 8-weights would be better. Bring floating and intermediate lines. Woolly buggers, leeches, nymphs, and small poppers should be effective for most of the fish. If you are going to try for the larger bass, add a few bass bugs, rabbit-strip flies, and streamers to your fly box.

Diamond Lake Outing – May 19th

Host: Mike Masters

As of April 27, 2012 there is still ice on the lake and most roads still snow covered. I contacted the marina folks and they believe Ice Off might be around May 10. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Chironomid Midge fishing should be a real good ticket around the grass lines either in the south end off the Pizza Place or out in front of the South boat ramp. Good luck was had last year on the East Side near Thielson Campground on Buggers stripped slowly as well as Chironomids. Plans are to meet at the South Boat Ramp Parking area as the 1st Choice if the ramp is open and free of snow. Otherwise we'll meet at the main Marina.

Coffee will be served from 8:00 to 8:30. My plans are to camp Friday night if Campgrounds are open. Please let me know by email if you plan to attend or sign up at the club meeting on May 16th. A signup sheet will be on the Hat Sales table.

Perhaps you have room in your boat for a fellow club member that would like to attend but doesn't have access to a boat or is unable to tread water long enough to make a few casts, please inform me by email and maybe we can share our love of fishing in this Wonderland Fishery with others.

Think Blue Water – Mike M.

Upcoming programs

JUNE Josh White of the Rogue Fly Shop in Grants Pass has spent several seasons guiding in the Klamath Country and he will share with us how and where he fishes it.

Cast on the Grass with Otis Swisher

Learn to cast or learn how to cast better or just practice casting.

Starting Wednesday, April 25th and every Wednesday this summer except bad weather and

Rogue Flyfishers meeting nights.

Start 6:00 until 7:30 ish

At Hawthorn Park across from Sears in Medford.

Bring your own rods and Otis will have some for loan.

If you are new at this and don't already own a rod, do not buy one until you have had a session with us.

On The Fly

May 2012

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

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Improved Sofa Pillow

Hook - TMC 200R, size 4 - 8.
Thread - Orange 6/0.
Tail - Elk or fox squirrel tail.
Rib - Orange thread or gold wire.
Body - Burnt orange yarn or dubbing.
Body Hackle - Brown or furnace.
Wing - Elk or fox squirrel tail.
Hackle - Brown or furnace.



Tying Instructions

- 1) Start by wrapping a thread base on the hook shank to a point above the barb.
- 2) Tie in the tail hair 1/3 the length of the hook shank.
- 3) Tie in the gold wire for the rib and tie in the saddle hackle at the rear of the hook just forward of the tail.
- 4) Tie in the body material and wrap it forward 2/3 of the hook shank.
- 5) Wrap the hackle forward - use tight evenly spaced palmering wraps.
- 6) Wind the rib forward over the body creating a segmented abdomen.
- 7) Select a bunch of hair for the wing (length should be 2/3 hook shank) and tie it on the top of the hook.
- 8) Select a saddle hackle 1 1/2 the hook gap length. Tie it in and palmer it forward in tight, even wraps.
- 9) Trim, whip finish, and apply head cement.

This month's pattern, the Improved Sofa Pillow, is a popular variation of the Sofa Pillow, originated by Pat Barnes of West Yellowstone, Montana in the 1940s. It imitates the adult form of the legendary salmonfly also known as the giant stonefly. The salmonfly hatch, for a select time window of a week to ten days, can create some spectacular fishing. The problem is trying to schedule your trip to the river because water conditions determine the exact timing and it varies from year to year. These critters spend 3 years maturing in the stream as nymphs and then when the conditions are right they crawl up on the bank, hatch out, and start looking for a mate. After mating, near dusk, the females take to the air and deposit their fertilized eggs back into the stream. It is at this stage that they are most vulnerable to feeding fish.

A standard dry fly presentation is usually used, however because of the popularity of this hatch, the fish get pounded and become wary. Under these circumstances a down stream presentation often works best. Also try a skating presentation, especially in windy areas.

The real insect requires a big fly to imitate it, often a size 4 or even a size 2 hook. On a smaller hook and with a golden body, this same pattern can be tied to imitate a golden stonefly adult.

The salmonfly hatch will be here soon. Tie some up. Give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

Tying Tips-Moose Mane

Moose mane is one of the most versatile fly-tying materials. It is readily available, durable, flexible under water, and long enough for almost any use. Just a few of these uses include: tails, feelers, bodies, wing cases and legs on small nymphs and hoppers. You can knot bundles of this hair for legs on larger flies, stonefly nymphs for example. To make the knot in the leg, use either your dubbing needle or a very small crochet hook.

So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

**Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com)
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Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship Awarded to Megan McKim

The Rogue Flyfishers award a scholarship each year to an outstanding student in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University. The scholarship program was started to promote individuals who we feel will go on to careers that will benefit the fisheries resources we so highly value. Megan McKim was selected to receive the \$1,500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year.

Megan is a senior with a 3.15 GPA, and has tailored her course schedule to expand her knowledge about fisheries management. She has worked as a seasonal fisheries biologist for the past two summers. In 2010, she worked here in the Rogue Valley for the U.S. Forest Service doing habitat enhancement projects, fish inventories, and a variety of other projects. Then in 2011, while working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, she participated in a study of the effects of hatchery steelhead on wild steelhead, and was involved with the removal of Condit Dam on the White Salmon River. She has also gained experience as a volunteer for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to her other responsibilities, Megan is President of the Student Chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society. Plus, she is serving as the President and Co-Liaison of the Oregon Chapter AFS Student Subunit. After she graduates, Megan plans to work with the native fish here in the Pacific Northwest, doing research, fisheries management and habitat restoration.

SPEY CASTING ANYONE?

Our good friend and fellow club member, Will Johnson is offering a spey casting activity every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM at TouVelle Park which is open to all.

If you want to improve your spey casting skills don't miss this opportunity!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Dave Willson of Medford (541-449-0422)

The NEW Rogue Flyfishers gear is here!

We are now offering two styles of Rogue Flyfishers hats—one has a smaller version of our club patch and comes in 6 colors and the other has our name stitched on the front—also in a few different colors.

Hats are on sale for \$15 through June 16th.

After that they will retail for \$18 each.

Club patches are available for \$5

Club decals are only \$4 each!

These are available in two styles—one that sticks on the outside of your window and one that attaches to the inside.

We encourage EVERYONE to put a decal on their car. This is a great way to interest more people in fly fishing and in our club as well!

PLEASE SUPPORT CASTING FOR RECOVERY!

Casting for Recovery is an awesome program that gives women enduring the rigors of breast cancer the opportunity to gather together and learn the sport of fly fishing.

Their 7th annual benefit golf tournament is called "TEE UP FOR HOPE" and will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Eagle Point Country Club..

Cost is \$100 per person and includes Green fees, Cart rental, Golf bag drop off, Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Practice Facility.

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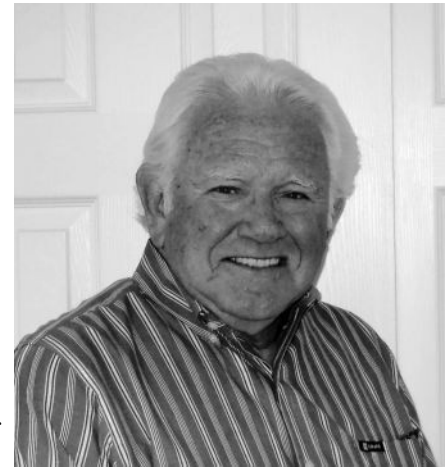
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DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
April 28, 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	Five members pitched in to help plant 400 container grown alder, black cottonwood, big leaf maple, Ponderosa pine and black oak trees and many varieties of shrubs along the reconstructed channel of Palmer Creek in the Upper Applegate. Steep stony channel banks lack shade and soil stability in this important steelhead stream. The created meanders will reduce water velocity, and large wood will add structure and retain spawning gravel.	Bill Ackermann, Edmond Daniel, Robert Parker, Dennis Remick and John Ward
Various dates in April 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	<i>Activities performed by Conservation Chair:</i> 1) Testified at Town Hall meetings held in Malin, OR by Senator Jeff Merkley about resolving water issues in the Klamath Basin, and in Medford by Senator Ron Wyden about riparian and water quality impacts on Rogue River and about 70 tributary streams where a very large pipeline is proposed to export domestic natural gas to Asia. Sen. Wyden is asking for studies on whether export of natural gas is in the national interest. 2) Participated in Oregon Solutions-WISE In-Stream Workgroup meeting on potential fish benefits from many options to pipe irrigation canals and laterals in the Bear Creek area; which streams should have priority for potential fish benefits; and how to protect In-stream flows. Methodology to quantify Storm Water, Ag/Irrigation, and In-stream benefits will need development in several more Workgroup meetings. Participated in a full Oregon Solutions-WISE Project Team meeting to share up-dates from other Workgroups, create a multi-year phased plan, and summarize Action Items for the May meeting. By July, 2012 RFF needs to adopt a Declaration of Cooperation relating to the OS-WISE Project. 3) Testified to support a revised draft Riparian Ordinance at a Shady Cove Planning Commission Public Hearing which has been continued to May, and attended one Riparian Ordinance Workshop; attended four meetings of the Shady Cove Water Task Force; and attended three Shady Cove City Council meetings or Study Session. 4) Participated in a Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership Tour of a possible fish passage/ habitat project on Casebeer Creek for trout on the Gerber Ranch; attended a Bear Creek Watershed Council meeting; and a Seven Basins Watershed Council presentation summarizing planning, removal and restoration of Gold Ray Dam.	John Ward



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*(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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