



Rogue Flyfishers

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

*Stillwater Staples
Phil Rowley*

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Fly fishers tend to be hatch focused and this trait is not different on stillwaters. The allure of targeting specific hatches can become habit forming but it is not always the most consistent method for success fly fishing lakes. More often than not focusing on the staple food sources that are available all season provides the most consistent results. This program illustrates the importance of stillwater staples including their dominance in seasonal diet analysis. Presentation techniques and pattern rationale are discussed in detail for the key stillwater staples; scuds, leeches, dragons, chironomid larva and damsel fly nymphs. A sound understanding of staples ensures consistent stillwater success while devoted hatch chasers watch with envy.

Committee Heads

President's Note

I was up on a lake yesterday that I have never been to. I've seen it on an Oregon map for about the last 6 years and finally decided to take the drive. I never get tired of driving in mountain areas. Maybe that is because I spent many years in the Midwest portion of our country. There is something very special to my wife and me about being up in the above sea level altitudes. This lake happens to be off the beaten path and the final 5 miles to the lake is a dusty dirt road.

The mountain drive was in springtime bloom. The wildflowers are arrayed in their festive parade dress. What a great setting for a most beautiful lake. As we approached it from the trail, my eyes immediately took to the water. Did I see a dimple on the water? Yes, then another and another. Sometimes when I go on hikes with my wife, I get comments like "you should have brought your fly rod"! She almost said it again yesterday when the lake was in sight. She hadn't seen that my little 4pc was attached to our pack. As I watched closely to the lake surface the water seemed very calm, so much so I could see the little snouts of the trout slurping their breakfast. Seeing the rings on the surface made me think of my youngest daughter Karen. She is now engaged to be married and she had just sent us a picture of the ring.

We sat on a rock and just staring at the beautiful setting we have just discovered.

I was pretty caught up wondering what fly to try out first. We were still too far away from the lake to see the insects, but there was a lot of activity on the water. I saw a real nice vantage point right along the lake shore. I stood behind the rock outcropping and watched with more intent. Out came my fly box and thought the Adams was a good first try. There was not a whole lot of room behind me for long cast so I had to be satisfied with about a 20 yard range. Second cast brought in a 7" rainbow. Third cast in slightly a different direction yielded a 5" fish. Then all the sudden a big trout rocketed out of the water about 15 yards farther than I could get to. Pam was all excited, "Did you see that one?" she exclaimed. Now my thoughts changed of how to get more line on the water. Wasn't meant to be, I even started to look for other vantage points to get a little longer back cast. Do you ever say to yourself, "Just a little farther?"

It was a great day in the woods once again. I was a happy camper as we took in the beauty of the wilderness again. Lots of things crossed my mind of how to get just a little farther on my cast.

I think that I will spend a little more on my casting techniques with John and Otis on Monday evenings. It is springtime and that means lots more fishing opportunities for all of us.

My wish is to always strive to "get a little farther" in my whole life.

Mike

Bob Quigley Fly Plate For Sale

By Gary Miller

The Fly Fishing Class at Cascade Christian High has received some support from estates during the nine years running of our program. A lawyer friend recently sent us a box labeled 'fly tying stuff.' Buried treasure was found at the bottom under the gaudy turquoise schlappen. Praise be! These beautifully-framed Giant Western Stoneflies tied by the late, great Bob Quigley have come to the benefit of our Fly Fishing Class. We plan to offer these collector flies to the highest bidder by June 1st in support of our year-end outing. If you are interested, please give Gary Miller a call (541-840-3426) or send an email to ggflyfisher@gmail.com. Make a generous offer and take a tax deduction as well. The current "best offer" is \$250.00.

All the money will benefit the CCHS fly fishing class.



The Bob Quigley Fly Plate is being offered to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Cascade Christian's fly fishing class.

We have an offer for \$300 and the bidding will end at 11 PM on 5-16-2013. Please email your highest final offer to Gary Miller at ggflyfisher@gmail.com

Upcoming Events - It's a full calendar

Beginning Fly Fishing Class

John MacDiarmid is teaching a beginning fly fishing class on May 4 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park. The class is limited to 12 and there are a few spots open. Contact John at jmacd@jeffnet.org if you would like to attend. There is no charge.

Summer Casting Celebrations

Otis Swisher and John MacDiarmid will be teaching open, free casting again this year but there are some changes. First, it will be from 6:00 to 7:00P.M. on Monday nights. Second they will be at Hedrick Middle School on Jackson Street in East Medford. Beginner or someone that just wants to practice and tune up for the season, come on out, everyone is welcome, these guys just love to cast and share their the joy of casting with all! Our first Monday will be May 6. Rain cancels the sessions.

Agate Lake

We are having an sunfish outing at Agate Lake on Saturday May 11. Meet at the boat launch at 2 pm. With the improvement in the weather it should be good. Bass, trout, perch, crappies, etc. It can be lots of fun with 25 fish days. No gas motors are allowed on Agate, but its a good spot for electricians or rowing. Those with a float tube or pontoon can launch from the far side and be closer to the willows. There are lots of fancy flashy flies, but a small nymph allowed to hit the water and start to sink will often draw a strike. Highway 140 East to Antelope Road, follow the signs.

Hat Creek

May 11th (Saturday) "HAT CREEK ADVENTURE" Dennis Remick, host 541-326-2397 or dremick@sonic.net

Fifth Annual Upper Williamson River Outing May 23-26

This spring-fed river threads oxbows and meanders in a gentle meadow fringed by Lodge Pole. Fish from grassy banks or wade, but no angling from a floating device. Before Memorial Day, nymph a native redband from an undercut or hope for a bug blizzard at dusk to bring noisy splashes near the reeds.

Join the Fifth Annual Upper Williamson Outing for a day or come prepared to stay overnight. It's rustic: no toilets, no drinking water, no cell phones. We'll cut and haul firewood, and enjoy the campfire and company.

Peach or tan body PMDs are Bob Quigley's idea, and maybe ants or beetles. John Hyde likes a dark wooly bugger with Prince Nymph on a dropper in deep pools or undercut banks. Try to stay overnight for the evening Black Drake hatch; some say size 10 parachute drake on purple body with dark hackle, others say 14 to 18s.

This year, a Thursday caravan from the Shell station in Chiloquin, or a Friday caravan from USFS Head of the River campground will go to the fishing site. Here the Williamson cuts thru Forest Service ground so you can fish both banks.

No fee or reservations needed to camp here or Head of the River. If you like, leave RVs or Campers at Head of the River where there are tables, fire rings and toilets. If your ground clearance is under 6-inches or your rig is wider than a Ford 150 we will ferry you in to the fishing from USFS #4648 road. Bring water and mosquito stuff.



Questions? John Ward at [e John.Ward@msn.com](mailto:John.Ward@msn.com) or (541) 482-2859, or Gary Graham (541) 512-1841.

BROWNS & RAINBOWS--THREE RIVERS & THREE LAKES

June 2nd-June 8th

The rivers are Fall River, Pit River and Hat Creek, the lakes are Baum, McCumber and Manzanita.

RX: Fall River will require a boat with motor or strong arms/back will work, this is true for a pontoon boat or canoe. McCumber and Manzanita Lakes also require a boat, canoe or pontoon boat BUT these are small lakes and easy to get around. Manzanita Lake has some wade-able shoreline. Baum Lake has only a couple spots that are fish-able from shore. Baum and Manzanita lakes are fish-able from float tubes. Hat Creek is very wade-able Pit River is wade-able, BUT it highly recommended to have cleated/studded boots and a wading staff. The rocks are extremely slippery and the brush is tight to the water.

Contact Bill Childress for details. 541-846 1514 (home) 541-531 7920 (cell)

Fishing Trespass Permit

Gary Graham

Here is the Information for a Fishing Trespass Permit for the J-Spears Ranch area; which is located on the upper end of the Chewaucan River. Our club hosts an outing in August for the last 4-5 years and this permit allows you to fish more of the river, with out worrying about some the No Trespassing Signs. This permit does not include the M-Ranch Areas.

Club members planning on attending the Club Outing on the Chewaucan River during the summer of 2013 may wish to apply for a Fishing Trespass Permit from the J-Spears Ranch CO. Their office is located at 404 S 4th Street, K Falls, OR 97601-6168. The permit is free, good for a year and renewable.

Your request should contain a self address stamped envelope and a copy of your drivers license.

The following are Prohibited Activities:

- * off road Vehicles
- * dogs, camping, fires
- * artifact hunting, shooting
- *littering, obstructing gates

Catch and release, fly fishing with barbless hooks only.

Still water Lectures by Phil

Phil Rowley, the speaker at the May club meeting, is conducting a seminar on Still Water Fishing, May 17 and 18. On May 19, we will be meeting at Diamond Lake Boat ramp at 10 AM.

Phil will be helping people improve their on the water techniques. The seminars will be held at Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park.

Phil is a noted Still Water fisherman and instructor. This is great way for experienced lake fishermen to learn new skills and a great way for the inexperienced , to get off to a good start.

The cost is \$60 for club members and \$ 70 for non members

Agenda for Still Water Seminar

Location: Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park

Friday Evening, May 17

7:00 - 7:15 Introduction & Opening Remarks

7:15 - 8:15 Introduction To Still Waters

Saturday, May 18

8:30 - 9:30 approaching a new Lake

9:30 -10:30 Strike Indicator Techniques For Still Waters

10:30 - 11: 15 Casting & Retrieves Demo

11:30 -12:30 Still Water Entomology

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 going deep - Sinking line Tactics for Still Waters

3:30 - 4:00 Break

4:00 - 5:00 How to Find Trout in Productive Still Waters

5:00 Questions and Answers. What to bring to tomorrows outing.

Sunday, May 19 Outing

Meet at the Diamond Lake Boat Ramp at 10 A.M.

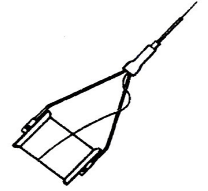
Directions to Lectures

Take Gold Hill exit #40, off 1-5 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 will 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 Road.

On The Fly

May 2013

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



Tying News

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is May 14, 2013. 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.

Jay Daley will demonstrate two of his colorful creations:

Gut Bomb Blood Worm
Stretch Magic Midge

Jay learned to tie this fly from Bob Wolfe at the International FFF Show in Spokane last year.

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.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Swimming Blue Winged Olive

Hook, TMC 2457 #12-16
Tail: Bronze Mallard,
Abdomen: Gold Holographic Tinsel,
Abdomen: clear V-Rib,
Legs: Dyed Olive Partridge,
Thorax: SLF squirrel,
Wing case: Black HT braid.



Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in bronze Mallard Tail (Few Fibers)
2. wind abdomen with Gold Halo tinsel then clear v-rib.
3. Tie in Black HT Braid for wing Case
4. Tie in Partridge hackle for legs
5. Dub Thorax with Squirrel
6. Pull over wing case and tie off.
7. Form head and whip finish.

The Blue-winged olive nymphs are members of the Baetidae family. They are free swimmers. They vary in color from dark brown to light olive or emerald. All of them are slim, minnow like nymphs. They are classified as swimmer nymphs.

Blue-winged Olive nymphs exist in all types of trout streams and are one of the most plentiful species of aquatic insects. Most are species of the baetis genus. There are several slightly different species that hatch at various times throughout the year. Blue-winged Olives are all slim, narrow profiled, swimming nymphs that act more like minnows than the crawler or clinger nymphs.

Blue-winged Olives can exist and feed in streams with plenty of current. They can cling tightly to rocks and the stems of plants when they feed in current. They use an up and down motion of their abdomen and tail to swim.

The nymphs emerge in the surface skim but the trout will eat them well before they emerge and below the surface as they rise to the surface to hatch. If the water is very cold, in the low forties for example, it may be the only way the trout will eat them. They may not take the emergers on the surface.

Future Programs

We are excited about bringing you **Phil Rowley** this month. He is a wealth of information about stillwater fishing and he is organized and has a great presentation. He lives in Alberta Canada so the transportation is expensive but I am sure you will agree after you see the program that he is well worth it. Also, he is presenting at 4 clubs (Rogue Flyfishers, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Klamath Country Fly Casters and the Roseburg club) so the expenses are split 4 ways. You may want to consider his weekend class (May 18,19,20) also. It starts with a Friday evening lecture, all day Saturday and fishing on Diamond Lake on Sunday. He will drive a boat and talk to everyone about their methods and success. In **July** we will have our club picnic. **August** is often lightly attended so we try to save our speaker budget by having someone local give us a program. This year the August program will be Patagonia Chile. Brian Sohl, Bob Hunter, Julie and John MacDiarmid went down to fish in Eduardo Barrueto's Magic Waters Patagonia Lodge and they returned with numerous pictures and stories to share with you. Eduardo gave us the program last October so it will be interesting to hear what they found. Bob, Julie and John also did a sea kayaking trip in some fjords of Chile and have some outstanding pictures from that adventure to share as well. I think you will like this program. In **September** John Hazel, the owner of the Deschutes Angler Fly Shop in Maupin, OR will give us a program on Spey fishing the Deschutes. Deschutes River steelhead tend to take small flies close to the surface in August and September, a wonderful time to be in the Deschutes River Canyon. No one has been Spey fishing the Deschutes longer than John Hazel and no one does it better. He will be in our valley in September to participate in Gary Anderson's Two Hands at TouVelle Spey Clave. If you are curious about Spey, you will want to attend this annual gathering. If you are a regular spey angler you know to watch for this event. In **October**, we have coerced Brian O'Keefe to return for a program. This guy does it all with a single hand rod and is a phenomenal photographer. We do not have a program subject yet but we do have a commitment that was made 18 months out. This guy is in demand for good reason!

Southern Oregon Fly Fishers program for May 16 will be also Phil Rowley 's

Ten Habits for Stillwater Success:

Attend both club meetings and get double the information.

With all sports, training and practice are keys to success. Drills, repetition and attention to detail develop and maintain good habits. Stillwater fly-fishing is no different. Successful stillwater fly fishers consistently demonstrate good habits born from years of practice and experience. This presentation walks you through ten top stillwater habits. Practices stillwater fly fishers should do on every outing and trip, from shoreline preparation to on the water tactics. Fly fishers incorporating these traits into their game plan should see their results improve.

2011 Was a Hard Winter for Dry Fly Fishing

By Otis D. Swisher

It is truly amazing what capturing one 12-inch fish will do for one's.... (Read on, then finish the sentence after hearing all the facts.)

In January, on a week-end, the valley was deluged by heavy rain. Little creeks and rivulets rose. It continued to rain. They rose even more. The Rogue went to 11,000 cfs, then surged to 15,000 cfs. And, that was just the flow INTO Lost Creek Reservoir. Day after day the flows out of Lost Creek Dam were 6,000 cfs. Then, a brief drop to 4,000 cfs which was better, but still high.

Day after day there was no half-river of clear water at Casey Park. No mud from Big Butte Creek to meet clear water from Lost Creek Dam. The whole river was muddy. How muddy?

It started the color of red, gradually cleared to yellow, then 3-weeks later turned into a pea-soup green, and today (January 31, '11) remained a greenish-yellow.

Today is my 7th or 8th trip to Casey. I had half-heartedly fished during the really thick-mud times. No success. Then, last time here, Chuck Loveless of RFF had been broken off by a trout large enough to sever his 5x tippet; and, I had had two rises by a fish. Still no success, for me.

Today, I was going to try a larger pattern, the one which had raised a fish so that 6-inches or more was out of the water on the miss. Probably a fish in the 12-inch range. But, today, again no success.

Until I changed to my favorite winter-time pattern. I call it O's Blue Dun. A #14, dry.

On the first cast. I repeat "On the first cast", out of that mud, 25 feet from shore there came a swirl and a take down. Brought to hand, it was a 12-incher, with the look of a Cutt-bow.

At last, I had brought a fish to hand; I had severed my Gordian knot of lack of success; the string of hundreds of unsuccessful casts had come to an end; the hundreds of travel miles were now behind me; the cold rainy days were forgotten in the euphoria of the warmth of the moment of success; and, the thumpa-thumpa of the heart beat was steady and strong.

I felt like the firefly which had been sucked into the electric fan. When asked how he felt about it, he exclaimed "I was simply de-lighted by the experience."

Now, go back up to the start of this, and finish the sentence.

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Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____ . If a family membership,

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