



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

November Meeting Change

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday falling on the 22nd of November and the day after our scheduled November Dinner Meeting, the Board Of Directors has chosen to move the November Dinner Meeting to the second **Wednesday of November, the 14th.**

Centennial has rescheduled to accommodate our needs.

Mikey Weir



Gold Fever

Mikey will be discussing the forks of the American River in California and showing his film "Gold Fever" which was a part of the 2017 International Fly Fishing Film Festival.



In partnership with
Temple Fork Outfitters

Mikey Weir



We are thrilled to welcome Mikey Weir as our November presenter for the Rogue Fly Fishers! Mikey is a very unique personality in modern Fly Fishing. Mikey has been a professional guide in the Sierra Tahoe region in California as well as a filmmaker with many titles under his belt. Mikey is also a brand ambassador with Patagonia, Loon Outdoors, Galvan Reels and Outcast Boats.

Growing up in the Sierra Foothills, Mikey was always close to nature. Drawn to spend a lot of time exploring lakes and rivers, he learned to fish and tie flies at a young age. When he moved to Lake Tahoe, Mikey split his time between snowboarding in the winter and fly fishing in the summer. His expertise led him to spend 15 seasons fishing and guiding the waters of the Truckee, Carson and Walker Rivers. In 2001, he also started BURL Productions, a company specializing in adventure and outdoor films. Notable titles to his credit include FISH EYE Fly Fishing Video Magazine, Trout Bum Dairies 1, SOULFISH, SOULFISH 2 and CALI RUSH. Mikey now works for California Trout helping to protect California's trout, salmon and steelhead and the state's blue-ribbon waters.

Vices are needed for Cascade Christian School Fly tying classes

Cascade Christian is asking anyone with an extra vise or 2 to please donate them to Cascade Christian High School Fly Tying Class. Something simple like the old Thompson model "A".

Contact Dale Heath at deheath504@gmail.com or 541-772-2069.
Thank you, Dale.

NEW Club Members

We would like to recognize and welcome the following **new** members who joined in October:

Derek & Allison Brite
Dennis Hanscom

Welcome! Thanks for being a part of the Rogue Flyfishers!! Your support and participation is appreciated. We hope to meet you and see you at our monthly dinner meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except May, July & Aug).

Be sure and sign up on our BLOG so you can receive our **email notifications**.
To sign up for the Blog, go to our website www.rogueflyfishers.org , scroll down the page.

Click on **Rogue Flyfishers Blog** on the bottom right corner.
On the right-hand column you will see a box that says:
“Enter your email and the newest post will automatically appear in your email”
Type your email address in that box and click “Submit”

You will now be kept up to date with the latest announcements, changes, and reminders that take place through-out the month that you need to be aware of.

Thank you to those who keep renewing your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

Our partnership with Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO) is complete.

They have been wonderful to work with and share with us, many common goals. The least of which they state as, "The way we see it, when people love the outdoors, they take care of it. So we use fishing as a way to help protect our planet."

I'm personally honored that TFO sees value in our Organization and respects our mission and has agreed to provide this opportunity to work with us. This partnership will enhance our common mission and allow us to provide a host of quality products, that will help us as we move forward.

I will be ordering products this next week which will include, rods, reels and rod cases for the Dinner Meeting Raffles through at least the end of this year. I will also be ordering two hand rods and reels for Casting Chair, John MacDiarmid so he can instruct two hand classes without using his own equipment or borrowing equipment for this purpose. As we move forward, I will order products for 2019 Dinner Meetings and the Annual Auction.

I am hopeful that the Club will make the most of this Agreement and fully support TFO and further our goals into the future.

Thanks,

Steve



Dear Rogue Fly Fishers,

The Southern Oregon volunteers for Casting for Recovery would like to thank the members of the Rogue Fly Fishers for their donations at the October meeting. We raised a total of \$292.00. A special thank you to Dave Roberts and Chuck Huntington for tying and donating their flies to help raise money.

Tanya Haight and Trish Ennis

Casting for Recovery volunteers

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Membership Dues Renewal Notices for 2019 have gone out in the mail. Please watch for them and take a moment to fill out the renewal form so we have your updated information and preferences. Submit it with your payment by check to pay your annual dues for 2019. Dues are due January 1st. If you do not receive your renewal notice by the end of November, please contact our Membership Chairman Theresa Schumacher at (541)702-2153 or tms1910@icloud.com.

Those who have paid the full dues amount of \$35 for Individual membership or \$45 for Family Membership since the beginning of October, your dues will be applied to your 2019 membership. But please fill out and return the renewal form anyway so we have your updated information and preferences.

If you were a new member who opted to pay the half price dues amount because you joined since July, you will still need to pay the full dues amount for 2019. Membership runs January through December. Thank you, in advance, for renewing your membership to the Rogue Flyfishers!

Membership Chairman & Treasurer Updates

TIM BOLLING has volunteered to take over John Bjorkholm's duties of mailing out the Welcome Packages to new club members and to be in charge of ordering and picking up the name badges. A big "thank you" to Tim! And thank you John for handling these club duties for the past few years. Without your help these seemingly insignificant, but important, tasks would not get done. We appreciate your volunteer work.

We also want to thank Tim Bolling for volunteering to be our new Membership Chairman beginning in 2019. Thank you Tim!!

So now all we need is a Treasurer. Please consider helping the club by volunteering to be our next Treasurer. You don't need to be an accountant, just willing, able and trustworthy. If you can count the money in your wallet, you can count the cash drawer for the dinner meetings. If you can balance your own personal statement, you can balance the club's. There's no mystery to it. You will be shown what to do and how to do it. Please contact Theresa Schumacher (541)702-2153 theresaschumacher@charter.net with any questions.



Harry Foster offered this as
a Great Use for Rogue
Disposal Recycle Can

November Outing: Coastal Fall Chinook

Chinook are the largest and most popular salmon in Oregon, and many fly fishers consider them to be the state's ultimate trophy gamefish. While several of our members do fish for and have caught Chinook salmon on a fly, most probably have not. For those that would like to give it a try, the Rogue Flyfishers and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will join together for an outing to the coast.

The outing is planned for November 17 and 18 at Cape Blanco State Park. This area offers several fishing options: The State Park includes the lower three miles of the Sixes River, giving bank anglers access to several good spots. Three launch sites give those with driftboats or pontoon boats access to additional sections of the river. Anglers can also walk or drive down the beach to the mouth of the Elk River.

Because of the potential for stormy weather to put the rivers out of shape, there is a significant possibility that the date or location of the outing may need to be changed. Because of this, people interested in attending the outing should sign-up with me (David Haight) at the email address or phone number below.

A ten-weight outfit works well for Chinook. Many people prefer a shooting-head system with heads ranging from intermediate to fast sinking, which allows them cover a variety of water depths and conditions; however, full sinking lines will work. Fifteen to 20-pound leader material is appropriate. Clouser minnows and comets ranging in size from about one to two inches long are generally effective patterns. For the Clousers, black over chartreuse, green over chartreuse, chartreuse over white, brown over orange, and orange over white are popular colors combinations. For the comets, green, chartreuse, and orange work well. Bring your usual fishing accessories, and don't forget your raingear.

Cape Blanco State Park offers campsites as well as a few cabins. The cabins can be reserved at reserveaerica.com. For those that don't want to camp, Bandon is about 30 minutes to the north and Port Orford is about 15 minutes to the south. Both have a variety of motels and restaurants.

The Sixes and Elk Rivers provide fly anglers with one of the better opportunities to catch a Chinook salmon on a fly, and the last half of November is considered to be the prime time. If the weather and the river flows cooperate, this should be a great trip.

David Haight, Outings Chair; 541-855-9043; tmdrhaight@infostructure.net

Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

March 8 - 9, 2019

Linn County Expo Center - Albany, OR

Hours: 9am - 5pm

200 Demonstration Fly Tyers

All Day Casting Demonstrations

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Status of Law Suit Against Medford For Harmful Sewage Plant Discharge To The Rogue River

John MacDiarmid

Back Story

Fishing below TouVelle State Park, the Medford Sewage Plant discharge is very obvious. The effluent bubbles up on the left bank and a long plum of suds, sometimes .4 mile long, is seen working its way across the river. The aquatic vegetation changes also. Thick growths of weeds cover the substrate and algae coats the rocks in all but the fastest water. Long suspecting the 17.5 million gallons per day discharge is harmful and illegal pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, The Rogue Fly Fishers raised \$5,000 to do a definitive study of the discharges' impact on vegetation and macro invertebrates in the Rogue. Rick Hafele who had recently retired as the Oregon DEQ chief aquatic entomologist designed the study. He also did the in stream collecting and analyzed of data. A laboratory in Corvallis was retained to identify the insects Rick collected. That was in 2012. The resultant report, Medford Regional Water Reclamation Facility Outfall Assessment Study, was filed in January 2013 and can be found at the Rogue Fly Fishers Web Site.

In Rick's study, the bug life in the riffle above the Sewage Plant was compared to the bug life in the two riffles below the discharge. The downstream riffles are .4 mile (Highbanks) and 1.0 mile (The Willows) below the discharge. The discharge is 130.5 miles from the ocean. The study is very interesting and you are encouraged to read it. One easy to comprehend result is stone fly species diversity. In the first riffle above the discharge, 9 species of stoneflies were found; only 1 stone fly was found at High Banks and 4 species were found at The Willows. It should be noted that two other local fly fishing clubs, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Klamath Country Casters helped fund the study and the Oregon Council of the Fly Fishers International (Formerly the Federation of Fly Fishers.) was also a big contributor.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has the ultimate authority and responsibility for regulating water quality, however, Oregon, like most states, has been approved to implement the federal program. After the study was published we were hoping Medford would accept responsibility for polluting the Rogue and cooperate in developing a higher level of treatment to this sensitive receiving water. If not, we figured DEQ would rewrite Medford's discharge requirement to protect the river. If neither of these agencies accepted their responsibility, we expected the Regional EPA would step in and protect our river as they are directed to do under federal law.

Since the 2013 Report was filed, no improvements have been made. DEQ did do a Rogue Study and Medford hired a consultant to evaluate the impact of the discharge. Both these studies found similar results to the original 2013 Hafele Report. Clearly, there was only one action left for the environmental community concerned with the Rogue degradation, the courts. Accordingly in October, 2017 the Northwest Environmental Advocates (NWEA) filed a Sixty-Day Notice of Intent to Sue to Remedy Violations of the Clean Water Act, City of Medford, Waste Water Treatment plant. The NWEA retained the Earthrise Law Center at the Lewis and Clark Law School to proceed with the legal work.

Where we are now

NWEA's Clean Water Act lawsuit against the City of Medford was filed in May of this year, and is now well underway. NWEA alleges that Medford's wastewater discharges from its Regional Water Reclamation Facility have caused or contributed to violations of two of Oregon's water quality standards: the "biocriterion," which provides that waters of the State "must be of sufficient quality to support aquatic species without detrimental changes in the resident biological communities"; and the general narrative criterion that prohibits such in-stream conditions as "the development of . . . growths having a deleterious effect on stream bottoms, fish or other aquatic life"; "objectionable discoloration, scum, oily sheens, or floating solids;" and "aesthetic conditions offensive to the human senses of sight, taste, [or] smell..." In its answer dated June 6, the City of Medford denied all of NWEA's claims.

NWEA believes that the existence of these violations has been well-known to both Medford and DEQ since at least January 2013, when the Rogue Fly Fishers and Rick Hafele published the report detailing the impacts of Medford's discharges on the river and documenting nuisance algae growth, shifts in the macro invertebrate community, and other detrimental changes to the river ecosystem immediately downstream of Medford's discharge point.

Subsequent sampling and observations by NWEA, DEQ, and others have only confirmed Medford's ongoing violations, and in December 2016 EPA added the Middle Rogue River (RM 110.7-132.2) to Oregon's list of "impaired waters" under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act because EPA found that river segment was not meeting the biocriterion.

The parties are now in the discovery phase of the litigation. NWEA and Medford will exchange expert reports in January; discovery will close in March; and any "dispositive motions" (that is, motions that, if granted, would fully resolve one or both of NWEA's claims against Medford) will be filed by April 12, 2019. NWEA and Medford agreed to bifurcate the case into separate liability and remedy phases; that means the court will first decide whether Medford has violated the Clean Water Act, and only if it answers that question in the affirmative will the parties gather and present evidence on what Medford needs to do to fix the problem. A trial date has not been set, but if needed it would likely be during the Fall of 2019.

Implications

While the NWEA lawsuit deals with one discharge, Medford, it is clear that water quality is mismanaged in our state. Why is DEQ more concerned with protecting the \$ of the discharger than protecting the Rogue River? How many other Oregon rivers are under regulated for water quality?

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is **Wednesday November 14, 2018** at

Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.
Medford, 97504
Wet fly 5:45 – 6:45 pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Raffle to follow
Program 7:45 – 8:45

BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person

Menu:

Chicken Fettuccine, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, and Garlic Bread

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday November 9th preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com (give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Theresa at tms1910@icloud.com or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

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Gold Fever is when you get the taste of gold and you will stop at nothing to get more! Jobs, relationships, obligations are disregarded. The only thing you can think about is another nugget. In this case those nuggets are huge wild brown trout from the heart of the Mother Lode in the Sierra Foothills of California.

For the past 6 years a group of friends have banded together to unlock the secrets of a hidden fishery. Tucked deep in a remote canyon this ribbon of crystal clear water holds a robust population of wild Rainbows and a few Trophy Browns that have seldom seen a hook. The only way to access this stretch of river is by boat, but you have to run some serious white water to do it. Guarded by a class 4+ rapid at the top of the run and a class 5+ waterfall at the bottom, with multiple class 3 and 4 rapids in-between, only the most committed boaters dare enter. Few have the combination of skills to run the rapids and chuck big streamers. Gold Fever will take the viewers on a wild ride through this world-class white water and rugged canyon and show what it takes to get into the zone. The risks are real but the payoffs are big!

ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shastatrou.com	(530) 926-5763

Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership **Renewal Form**

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.
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,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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