



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

**Bill Tinniswood**

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Bill will be presenting information on fly fishing in Klamath and Lake Counties. He is an avid fly fisherman who grew up in Klamath Falls. He has fished and sampled most water bodies in the basin. This presentation will cover the where, when, how and sometimes why of fishing the most productive waters in the Klamath Basin.

Further, as an amateur entomologist (teacher assistant for aquatic entomology at OSU for two years) he will go in depth on the basins best hatches for the match the hatch fly fishermen. Additionally, he will cover his favorite fishery of casting large streamers in Upper Klamath Lake. He will divulge most of his secrets.

## **President's Message:**

Spring time fishing is here! I just returned from a 2 day trip to Pronghorn Lake with Curt Schlosser. It was a real treat to spend time with him and 2 other buddies. I have river fished for some time and this lake stuff for trout is almost a new love. Curt and I caught and released over 40 fish. The range in size was 18" to 28". Most were very strong and acrobatic while rocketing into the air.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at the Kids Unlimited Event. I have heard nothing but very good comments about those who helped. A special thank you goes out to Ken Bonsi who orchestrated this event.

If you missed the last dinner meeting, you really missed a great program from Phil Rowley. If only I had gone to Pronghorn Lake after his talk, I might have actually caught more fish than Curt. Then I spent a portion of Sunday in Phil's presence at Diamond Lake. He is just a real genuine person who loves to give back.

Thank you to John MacDiarmid for getting the 4 So. Oregon Clubs on board so that we could all benefit from having Phil here with us. Hopefully, Phil will bless us once again in the future.

You will be seeing notices coming soon about some conservation work that needs our help. We need you to volunteer if you can. Stay tuned for these notices in this next couple of weeks.

We are actively looking for someone to be our contact person so that the different groups in the valley that spear head conservation projects can call or email one person. Doesn't take a lot of time, it's simply a task of getting a signup sheet or Vertical Response notice out to our members, then forwarding names of volunteers. If you can spare about 1 hour a month, you would do the club and the valley a big favor. We strive to be the best and strive to help keep our rivers and lakes their best. Simply call me if you have questions or want to volunteer. We need your help.

If you are recently a new member to the RFF club and want to get to know more members, volunteering in the slightest way is a great starting place. We can always use assistance in some manner. Call me.

Don't forget to save some cash for the Steelie Wheel drawing for the Echo 6/7 Reel combined with the Sage Approach 6wt Rod. You could win it at the next dinner meeting.

Did I mention earlier that spring is here? How about that 30 degree drop and then to see new snow on the foothills this morning? I think I'll just tie some new Rowley flies and dream of future trips.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

|                   |                 |               |
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| Lawrence Belcher  | Richard Carlson | Richard Davis |
| Daniel Laviolette | Bill Hartwick   | Julian Smith  |

### **DUES ARE DUE**

If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, you are a little late. Please become current as we are about to make our new listing of active members.



## Catching Fish and Baking pies on the Upper Williamson

### Top Chefs

John Ward and Robert Parker



Bigger fish and camp-baked pies made the 5th Annual Upper Williamson Outing extra memorable. Eleven guys tied on a wider assortment of dries, nymphs, wets, streamers and wooly buggers to hook and often land rainbows and brookies. Mornings and evenings, most fished dries, often switching to nymphs or nymphs as droppers mid-day. A nice mixed hatch Friday evening teased out the widest range of patterns but few found an answer in their offering.

Fishing was slower compared to last year, with cool water, some rain and little snow. Likely Steve Ostrander took **Most Fish** hooked and landed Laurels, Robert Parker took **Biggest Fish** honors with a 17-inch Rainbow and 12-inch Brookie, and Jon Iverson's steady fishing was third. Everyone had fish on and most brought them to net over the fringe of high Tules.

Baking was big this year with Black Berry filling from Paulette Graham's kitchen in Dutch Oven scones, and apricot pie for dinner. Robert Parker fashioned a great Peach Pie for breakfast treats, and the evening campfires brought out many memories and other stories. Overall, a great outing.





## BEAR CREEK WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM (May16th)



Imagine the universe of positive expletives that the English language has to offer. Consider the words : incredible, exceptional, extraordinary, phenomenal, remarkable—just to name a few. These are some of the descriptors I would use to label the efforts of our RFF tyers and casters. TWENTY, count them TWENTY, volunteers shared their day with 250 students at the above event. Here they are: Otis Swisher, Steve Haskell, Jack Knox, John and Julie MacDiarmid, John Anton, Dale Heath, Robert Parker, Gary Miller, Mick Cuffe, John Ward, John Corson, Rich Fiebelkorn, Kevin Elbert, Scott Rainwater, Gary Graham, Martha Koch, Dick Chambers and Peter Ware. (If I missed one of you during roll call, let me know and we'll honor you next month). Thanks to Will and Jake at Ashland Fly Shop for selecting our new vises along with supplying us with materials. Cuddos to our Board for approving these expenses. Mike Masters also did more than his share in cajoling our people to step up. As we seek out methods to grow our membership, know that we planted some seeds this May. This "planting" was not just in the minds and imaginations of a couple hundred kids but we also impacted the adults that escorted them. As one of the organizers expressed "It is a very beautiful thing to see our community engage in something they love and share it with our youth". I saw more than one smile and sparkle in the eyes of those we mentored. These are great positive memories in a world torn by so much strife. You folks are indeed REMARKABLE!

Ken Bonsi



## Tying News

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is June 11, 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.

This will be our last meeting until after the summer. It is a get together. Bring some finger food. The club will provide liquid refreshments - you provide the conversation. We look forward to seeing all members to start off the summer. There won't be any tie along.

**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.

## The Bully of the Farm Pond....

By Otis D. Swisher

He moved into the West and began bullying the natives. He is big. He has a voracious appetite. His eating habits are, well, insectivorous, piscivorous, carnivorous, omnivorous. In short, he is just plain gluttonous.

He was present in my landlord's home pond when the landlord's daughter cuddled a newly hatched duckling. Called to the phone, she set the little bird down and walked to the house. Just a few minutes later, she returned to find the down-covered bird disappearing into a pink-fleshed "maw". Going down whole.

The Bully multiplied and became Bullies. They terrorized the pond. When you are 15 inches long and weigh in at more than a pound you can do that to the natives, including little Western Pond Turtles and others.

When my landlord contacted the non-game Wildlife Biologist of the ODF/W, he suggested that as a way to benefit the threatened Western Pond Turtles, the Bullies be removed. That's where I, the fly fisherman, came in. With just a hank of macrame I fashioned a floating fly to which they responded as if it were candy. Five Bullies in a season provided the turtles with breathing room and they seemed out of harm's way.

But, everyone knows that nature abhors a vacuum. And, an empty pond is an invitation for more Bullies to move in. And, again this year, with my fly rod in hand, rust colored macrame fly attached, another 5 Bullfrogs to 15 inches came to the fisher's wiles.

I hope to suggest to the non-game Biologist of the ODF/W that if he has a pond that has Western Pond Turtles living in it, that some of us Rogue Fly Fishers could visit it, capture the present Bullfrog population, and regularly visit it to keep removing any which might move in.

It can be fun. For example: 20 June, '05 this happened. Big shiny eyes behind a shiny nose appeared among the cattails close to shore. No casting needed. I dapped the fly within inches of the Frog. They respond when they are ready. When he engulfed the fly furiously he was hooked. Out of the water only to fall back in.

I changed the rust for a white-colored macrame fly of same design. He was out a bit farther from shore. This time, the fly was a foot away from him. He leap-frogged onto it and was solidly hooked. His dive wrapped him into the pond weed. The 3x tippet broke off..

A re-tie with a rust-colored fly placed 2 feet from him. Two jumps across the surface and he was again hooked. This time the 15 incher was landed. I retrieved the white fly with 2-feet of mono in one side of the mouth and the rust-colored fly solidly hooked in the other side. All three hook-ups in less than 10 minutes. Now, that's voracious. And, the whole scenario is exciting.

## Steelie Wheel Combo

Steelie Wheel Combo...Get your ticket or tickets for a chance to win this prized combo of a Echo 6/7 Reel matched up with a Sage Approach 6 wt. 9', 4 pc Rod. Even if you have one similar to it, for \$5 it would be a great gift for someone special to you



## June Outings

There are several outings on the schedule for this month, starting with a trip June 2nd through 8th to **Northern California** to fish some of the river and lakes in the upper Pit River area. Bill Childress will be the host for this outing. For more information, see the article in the May newsletter, or contact Bill at 541-846-1514 (home) or 541-531-7920 (cell).

Then on June 14 through 16, Gary Lewellyn will host an outing to LeMolo Lake. LeMolo is a reservoir on the upper North Umpqua noted for its fishing for brown trout.

**Date:** June 14,15, 16 Check in: Fri. 2:00 Check out Sun. 1:00

**Name:** Poole Creek Campground....Loop 1 Private Campground N.E. of Diamond Lake up Hwy 138 Campsite on West shoreline of Lake LeMolo

**Web site:** Poole Creek, Or. campsite Loop 1

**Site Detail:** Site type: Group Standard Non Electric Max # of people...40 Max # of vehicles..10 Max length of vehicle...45" Driveway...wide , pull through..gravel Vaulted toilet Drinking water Picnic tables Fire pits...wood available on site. Please DO NOT bring your own wood (insect control)

**Cost:** \$25.00 per vehicle for entire weekend (NOT PER DAY)

**Fishing:** From boat or shoreline German Browns, Eastern Brook, Rainbows

**Food:** On your own or Resort Cafe

**FAMILIES WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED**

**Contact:** Gary Lewellyn.....p.m.....541 772 7210 email...glewellyn@charter.net

The outing to the **Chewaucan River** that was scheduled for the same weekend as the LeMolo trip has been postponed to August 6th through 9th. This not only will eliminate the conflict between the two outings, but should put us on the Chewaucan River when conditions will be better.

### Stay Connected by Tom Collett

Once in a while I hear comments from members to the effect that they had missed an activity of interest. This is unfortunate and should never happen since the information is readily available. We do have a monthly newsletter that covers the upcoming and recent events.

We have a website that has a lot of information and the website does get updated as needed. The buttons at the top of the homepage include the calendar and another button is events. Look at both.

We have e-mail reminders and e-mails with new information as it occurs. If you do not receive e-mail reminders, simply go to [rogueflyfishers.org](http://rogueflyfishers.org), look at the right side of the homepage and click on Join our e-mail list and sign in. Then back to the homepage to click on using Using RFF E-mail. Follow the instructions and it will work.



After attending the Phil Rowley seminar, Jon Iverson caught this nice Rainbow at the Diamond Lake Outing.

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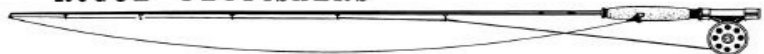
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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

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. 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.**

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

**List Family Member's Names** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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