



**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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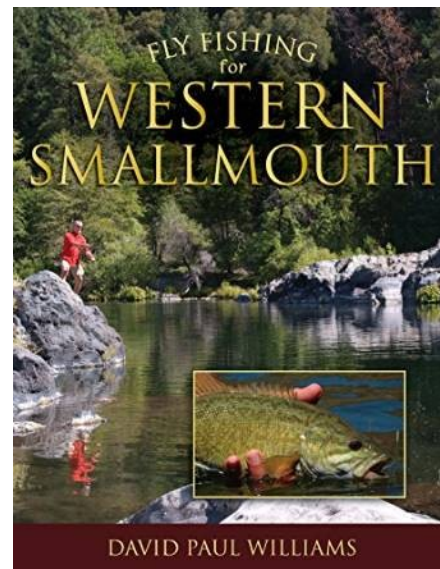
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## PROGRAM

### Oregon's Best Smallmouth Bass Waters



In this a "where to go and how to catch them" presentation, David Paul Williams covers some of the best Oregon smallmouth bass waters with a special emphasis on the John Day and Umpqua rivers.

David Paul Williams caught his first smallmouth bass in 1972 and loves to share his knowledge of this amazing gamefish. Author of Flyfishing for Western Smallmouth (Stackpole Books), he has written for numerous magazines including Fly Fisherman, American Angler, Northwest Fly Fishing, Fly Fusion, Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Bassmaster, Salmon-Trout-Steelheader, Salmon Steelhead Journal, Backpacker, Northwest Travel, Seattle Magazine. He is a Department Editor of Flyfishing & Tying Journal, the "In The Field" editor for Washington-Oregon Game & Fish magazine and gives entertaining media presentations to fishing clubs and outdoor organizations. He is a demonstration fly tier and speaker at numerous fly fishing expos and sportsmen's shows around the Northwest. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Fly Fishers as well as secretary and newsletter editor of the Washington Council IFFF.

## President's Message

This was lively, friendly and festive. It was well attended, warm and crowded. The food and drinks were excellent. It was well organized with lots of excellent items for raffles and silent or oral auctions. Attendees were in a great mood. It was very successful and raised a lot of money for our club's needs.

All of the above statements refer to the Rogue Flyfishers auction that was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary figures indicate that net profits from the event are going to in the \$10,000 area. An exact amount can be determined once all expenses are paid and that should be soon.

An event of this nature is never successful without excellent leadership and organization and we certainly had that in chairman Mike Masters. Mike put together a group of dedicated, hard- working individuals who gave a lot of time and effort to this endeavor and the club is most appreciative of their efforts. Likewise, we need to recognize and thank all those individuals and businesses who so generously donated items to be auctioned. The variety of items this year was amazing and I believe there was something for everyone. Lastly, we need to thank those members and guests who opened their wallets, pulled out their cash or credit cards and bid generously on the items available.

The next task for the board and the club will be to put the money earned to good use promoting and improving the areas that we, as flyfishers, sportsmen and women and conservations, hold dear. As a club, we have always done that and we will continue to do so.

I would like to remind everyone that the club's summer schedule has changed and is as follows. In June, a regular meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, June 15, at the regular place and time.

There will be **no** meeting in July.

On Saturday, August 13, the club will host a wine and dinner social at Daisy Creek Winery in Jacksonville. This is an RSVP, pay in advance event. The event was first held last year and was very successful and enjoyable. It is being held in lieu of the picnic which had seen a steady decrease in attendance the last few years. To participate in the event, simply sign up with our treasurer at the June meeting or mail a check to the club's post office address. Seating is limited to 65 people, so it is important to get your reservation in early.

If you have not yet done so, please sign up for the club's blog site. By doing so, you will receive up to the minute notifications of club issues. The blog can be accessed from the club's website.

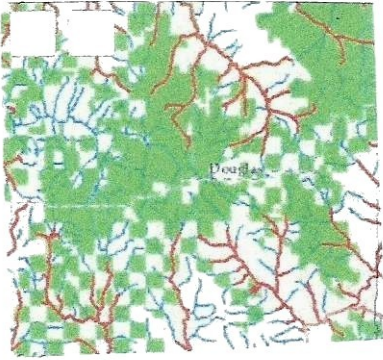
Once again, the board welcomes comments and suggestions from all members and board meetings are open to all members.

Now, go fishing.

Jack Patterson

## Part 1: Please Report Suction Dredging Operations

Currently, suction dredging mining is not allowed in rivers and streams listed as **essential salmon habitat (ESH)** in Oregon. An interactive **ESH** map developed by Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality is publicly available. You can access DEQ's map at [rogueflyfishers.org](http://rogueflyfishers.org) by navigating to upper right corner of our Home Page. Under Suction Dredging heading, click on "Click Here" button to display DEQ's 700PM Placer Mining Permit map for Oregon. The sample map below is north of former Elk Creek Dam.



Areas and segments of streams shown in **RED** include locations where Suction Dredging is prohibited under the Senate Bill 838 moratorium, or State Scenic Waterway provisions, or Tribal Regulations, or ESA Critical Habitat restrictions, or federal agency land management plans. Users can zoom into a small map area to see which tributary stream segments are open for suction dredge operation and which have a prohibition.

**Why report violations?** Gold miners use gas-powered vacuums to suck up the bed and banks of salmon bearing streams. The machine spits out gravel to form an unusable tailing pile, poorly suited to withstand high flow. Heavy metals like gold are retained. Sand, sediment and other fine material swirl downstream in a turbidity plume that over time, blankets spawning beds.

Sadly, salmon, steelhead, and trout end with less spawning habitat, fish embryos may die from reduced oxygen, toxic metals like mercury enter the food chain, and aquatic insects such as stone, caddis, and may flies in all life stages are ground into insect hash in the pump. Oregonians downstream get degraded water quality.

And expensive investments in stream restoration projects using root wads or large wood placement that provided sites for in-stream gravel to accumulate become tempting targets for destructive suction dredging. You can help protect existing successful restoration work and help increase fish populations by documenting what you see, and promptly reporting apparent illegal mining.

**How to report:** This citizen's guide is designed to assist public oversight of suction dredge mining which negatively affects rivers, streams and other natural resources in the Rogue River watershed. Please keep in mind miners may not be comfortable with public oversight. If you see an ongoing suction dredge operation, be careful. Please document what you see with written notes, perhaps with photographs or sketches. Remember to note the date and time, with the name of the waterway plus any location, road numbers or other information needed to reach that spot. Contact the Oregon State Police as soon as possible by calling.....

**Oregon State Police Dispatch - 541-776-6111**

If over 50 cubic yards, also call **Department of State Lands Bob Lobdell - 503-580-2747**

(Better put the OSP telephone number in your cell phone right away. Thanks)



# **REFLECTION'S OF "ROLLIN DOWN THE RIVER"**

## **2016 RFF AUCTION**

The Auction Committee wants to reach out and thank everyone who pitched in to help make our Fund Raiser a success. That goes to all who made donations (whether Cash contributions or items), the set up team, the Procurement Team, "The Point Pub & Grill", and the wonderful "Liska Auctioneering Team" led by Timari Cox, the Auctioneer. In my humble opinion, it was a very fun and enjoyable evening. If you weren't there, I believe you missed out.

We still have a couple of loose ends to complete on the financial side, however, I can report that we raised between \$9,000 to \$10,000 for our club.

Of that amount, \$2,476 was collected from our Dick Bonamarte collection. As you might remember, this money is set aside for our Kids/Teaching programs. We know Dick is smiling with all the efforts to honor him.

We took a lot of notes of things that might make it better in future events, our goal was to have a comfortable and Fun atmosphere, followed by a prosperous evening. We did beat our financial goal by \$3,000, so the Thank you's go out to all of the attendees and supporters.

If you can't be at our next auction, please consider putting away a little cash over the next year and offer a simple cash donation. This really helped us cut down our expenses this year, which then yields more money for our Conservation and Education efforts.

As one of our committee members would say:

**"THANKS Y'ALL", really I mean "ALL Y'ALL"**

**Mike Masters**



## Letters from the RFF Scholarship Recipients

In the May newsletter, we announced the recipients of the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. We received the following letters from our two recipients:

Dear Rogue Fly Fishers,

I am an undergraduate at Oregon State University pursuing a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences and was recently awarded your Rogue Flyfishers scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for awarding me your generous scholarship. I am graduating in the winter of 2017 and this award will make my final two terms easier to complete.

I am from Eugene, OR where I would visit the McKenzie River to fly fish and camp with my father almost every weekend. Growing up with such a beautiful natural playground inspired my current interest for specializing in Stream Ecology and Riparian management.

As I mentioned in my application, I have been working as a student employee for the U.S. Forest Service for almost six years doing exactly what I'd love to do for my career, while applying what I learn in my coursework in a professional setting.

Just this month, I was offered a full time position with the McKenzie Ranger Station, along the river I know and love. I will be working alongside the Fish Biologist there on design and implementation of some of the most groundbreaking restoration projects that have ever been accomplished in Oregon. This position will start in June of this year.

I can't emphasize enough how important scholarships, such as the one awarded to me, are to students who want to pursue their dreams. Thanks to generous donors like you, I am able to accept my dream position and graduate with my dream degree.

I look forward to sharing some of the work we accomplish this summer with you.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Mekayla Means-Brous



Dear Rogue Flyfishers,

It is with great honor and appreciation that I accept the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship for 2016. My studies at Oregon State University have helped me on my path to finding a career in fisheries management and conservation, and the long study hours and work put forth into my school work have been extremely valuable as I look towards the future. Although my experience at OSU has been valuable, it is also costly as tuition prices continue to rise. Your organization's help eases the burden of paying for school and allows me to focus my energy on my studies as well as continuing to volunteer with conservation projects, and for that I could not be more grateful.

I am a fourth year student here at Oregon State University, and so I am at the point where my career goals are becoming clearer. I would like to find a permanent position with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and hopefully work to restore habitat for native fish in Oregon. I am pleased to say that I will be working in Grants Pass this summer for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife where we will be evaluating habitat characteristics and collecting inventory for native fish on tributaries to the Rogue River. I am looking forward to exploring this beautiful area, and as a novice flyfisherman I am looking forward to honing my skills on the Rogue and its tributaries during my time off work.

I appreciate the work your organization has done for conservation, preservation and enhancement of native fish habitat. The work that Rogue Flyfishers and the Federation of Flyfishers has accomplished is astounding, and it is invaluable for the protection of native fish in the Rogue Basin as well as watersheds across America. Without the effort from organizations such as yours I fear that there would be much more destruction and degradation of sensitive fish habitat. What I have learned from my experience flyfishing is that the more you understand something the more you appreciate it, and the more you appreciate something the more time and effort you will put into it. I can see that your organization is willing to dedicate much of your time and effort into the protection of fisheries, and for that I am grateful.

Once again I would like to thank you for the funding you have provided. It helps so much during these few years of school and I really appreciate it. I wish the Rogue Flyfishers good luck in your endeavors, and tight lines!

Sincerely,

Cory Mack



## Upper Williamson Outing – June 15 - 20, 2016

A dozen guys, give or take, have definite plans to fish the Upper Williamson, some starting Wednesday the 15th and some arriving later. Gary Graham and Jeff Schecht scouted and fished RFF's customary site last week and had great success both days.

Here's Jeff's beauty, taken on a mosquito fished dry. Gary began a Royal Wulff streak, shifted to a parachute Adams, and then a big grey Ant with brown hackle.

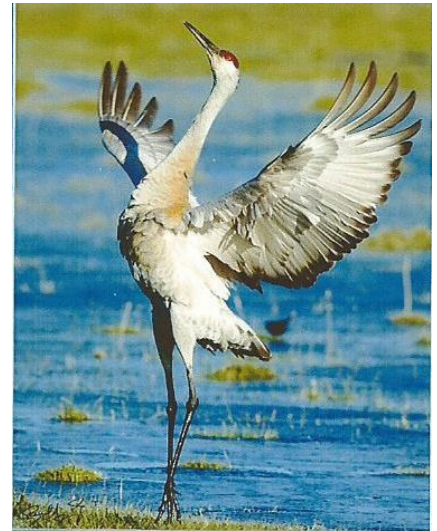
This isolated stretch has 9 to 16 - inch rainbows, red bans + some brooks. Toward evening, we hope to see a **Black Drake Blizzard**. Good walk and wade with forgiving meadows on a back cast. The spring - fed Williamson is a clear coldwater fishery throughout with lush green meadows.

If you plan to stay overnight, come prepared. It's rustic, no toilets, no drinking water, no cell phones, and there may be rain showers. But you will have lots of big mosquitoes, lots of help hauling fire wood, and some of the greatest guys with fun, friendship, and a welcoming Dutch Oven. Call John Ward (541) 884 - 2015 or Gray Graham (541) 512-1821 if interested.



## Wild & Scenic North Fork of the Sprague River - July 11-14

A new experience for most of you, but some amenities like a hand pump for drinking water, and a nice pit toilet. You get to build your own stone fire pit. Steady cold water from the Gearhart Mtn. Wilderness, enough for Bull Trout upstream of Lee Thomas Meadow. We camp at Forest Service's Sandhill Crossing facility; real solitude and a small fee, but it's on the river. Downstream is a rugged canyon; pocket water with challenge. Upstream is nearly level, brushy in spots, but lots more open ground for about two-miles to Lee Thomas Crossing. Last visit I met a guy who came often from Bend to **Tenkara** fish the small pools at Sandhill (25 fish) and more open water up-stream Lee Thomas Bridge (50-fish) or so he said. Great fun in the sun. Call John Ward 541-884-2015 if this Lake County Outing interests anyone.



### Gray Lewellyn

Our favorite Dentist is becoming an author. He has 7 books on Amazon. You can find his work at the following link:  
[www.amazon.com/authors/garylewellyn](http://www.amazon.com/authors/garylewellyn)

## WINE DINNER at *DAISY CREEK VINEYARD*

**DATE:** Saturday August 13, 2016

**TIME:** 5:30 PM Social Hour / 6:30 PM Dinner

**WHERE:** Daisy Creek Vineyard  
675 Shafer Lane  
Jacksonville, OR 97530  
Phone: 541-899-329



Come and experience RFF's second annual summer social "Wine Dinner" at Daisy Creek Vineyard. We invite you to enjoy some of Southern Oregon's best wines and an Italian dinner while sitting outside on the patio overlooking the vineyard. The wine dinner will be on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. The social hour will start at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

The dinner will be catered by Rosario's Italian Restaurant, with dinner costing **\$25 per person**. This all inclusive price includes a dinner entrée, garden antipasto or Caesar salad, garlic bread, homemade cookies, assorted sodas, tea, juice, mineral water, and a **complimentary bottle of red and white wine at each table** with dinner. Wine by the glass (and bottle) will also be available for purchase from Daisy Creek Vineyard throughout the evening. There will not be a formal program or raffle.

Bring a friend or your significant other and join us for a great evening at this beautiful Jacksonville venue.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** because this is a catered event and **seating is limited to 64**. **Payment is due in advance in order to reserve your seat**. No walk-ins at the door. Mail your check to Rogue Flyfishers P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501. Please make your check out to RFF and indicate "wine dinner" in the memo. You can also pay at the regular dinner meeting in June. We will be taking reservations accompanied by payment until noon Friday, August 5th. You can contact Theresa Schumacher at: [tms1910@icloud.com](mailto:tms1910@icloud.com) or call 541-702-2153 if you need further information.

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE NORMALLY SCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING FOR AUGUST.**

**There will NOT be a general meeting on the traditional 3rd Wednesday of the month in August.**



**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



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Rogue Fly Shop	310 NW Morgan Lane, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
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.shastatrout.com	(530) 926-5763

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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. **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 \_\_

Do you have a drift boat? Yes \_\_ No \_\_ lake boat? Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Interested in conservation? Yes \_\_ No \_\_

Prefer using the Online Newsletter \_\_ (quickest receipt and saves the club money for other activities and uses, or by US Mail \_\_?

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

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