



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

Jim Wington, Ph.D



Jim Wington, Ph.D., is a hydrologist and IFFF Master Casting Instructor. During his 28-year career as a research hydrologist for the US EPA in Corvallis Jim's research focused on the interactions between watersheds and stream hydrology, water quality and ecology. Jim led major research projects on acid precipitation effects on streams, riparian influence of streams, the relationships between watershed and stream characteristics on coho salmon, and hydrologic classification on Pacific Northwest landscapes. Jim is currently the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Water Resources Association. Jim has been an avid fly angler for more than 40 years and the linkage between fly fishing and his research has enhanced both.

Jim's program is titled "Snow, Rain and Rock: How Climate and Geology Shape Oregon Trout Streams". He will take you on a visual tour of the state in which you will learn how rain, snow, groundwater and streamflow interact and control streams and fish habitat and fishing opportunities. He will share how this information influences his fishing destination priorities. His insights may get you thinking about fishing some different waters this spring!

President's Message

First, I would like to say that George Clooney, in Ocean's Eleven, couldn't have put together a better crew than Mike Masters did for the annual auction. All of them did a great job! The meal was great, and the members and guests made it a very successful event. Thank you, all!

Although the river is high, the salmon fly hatch is on and is in full swing. I would ask every one going out in boats to be very cautious because the high water can hide rocks and, even more dangerous, downed trees. The water's high speed doesn't give an oarsman much time to dodge things. For waders, the water is faster, deeper and colder.

Like always, June is the time I wish I could be in 10 places at one time. All (or most) of the rivers, streams, lakes and ponds are waking up. For the dry fly crazies (like me), hatches like the salmon fly, caddis, green drake, black drakes and PMD's are all here or will be here soon. Steelhead, although not hot and heavy, are being caught. Because all over the West we have good snow packs, some of the waters will have early high flows, but the rest of the year should be great. As for me, with the winter we have had, I shouldn't run out of flies until about 2020!

I would like to hear, from new and old members, what types of activities you would like to see be a part of our club. The Board wants to get Beginning Fly Tying classes going and then, for those who want to keep going, we will work on classes increasing in skill level. I am working on a "Bug ology 101" class that could run for a full year at various spots up and down the river to get a good feel of how bugs grow and behave in different types of water. No Latin to be spoken!

I'm looking forward to our new meeting place at Centennial Golf Course. With no stairs, some of our members can attend again just because of that.

Although we will be taking a two month break, let's all keep in touch and do some fishing together.

David Roberts

Jim Harleman

Fellow anglers;

This morning (1:30 AM June 3) I got a call from Jim's wife, Kathy, informing me that Jim had not returned home from a fishing trip to the Williamson River

He had given the names of two people, me being one of them, who would know where he is in case he did not return on time.

I could not sleep after that so by 2:00AM, I was up and getting dressed and by 3:00 AM I was on the road to the Williamson. I arrived around 6:30 and soon found his truck stuck in a big mud puddle. I honked hoping to wake him up and have him put on his waders so I could tow him out. When that did not work I walked up to the driver's side and it looked like he was sleeping. It was his nap pose. However, when he did not respond, I stepped on the mud and opened his door. It was evident at that moment that this was Jim's last fishing trip.

I felt sadness in his passing but also a deep sense of joy in the fact that he had over a 38 year period enriched my life and lives of so many that he came in contact with. The family is planning the services and more info will be coming to you in near future.

Keep your hearts warm, you are so very special in your own right.

Clint Brumitt

Blog Change

Tom Collett created the Rogue Flyfishers Blog a number of years ago and has done a fantastic job keeping it current and getting important, time sensitive messages to the members. As with many of us, interests change over time and Tom is at the point where he would like someone else to take over the blog, so he can pursue another interest.

With that in mind, there is a change in the works. Jack Patterson and Jon Iverson have volunteered to take over the blog, under Tom's guidance until both are proficient with the process of blogging.

Any member wishing to place an appropriate blog, the procedure will be: text Jack Patterson at jfpat@charter.net or call him 541-779-3759 or 541-941-4156(cell). If you text, please cc Tom and Jon.

Between the three of us, we will get the message posted as quickly as possible. We will be in contact with each other and will be aware of times when any of us will be out of town, so no time will be lost getting the message up.

Jack Patterson

3RD Annual WINE DINNER

Our annual Wine Dinner will be held Saturday August 12th

at Daisy Creek Vineyard in Jacksonville

675 Shafer Lane

*Come join us outside on the patio for a buffet dinner catered by
Rosario's Italian Restaurant.*

*A complimentary bottle of red and white wine will be served at each table with dinner.
Wine is also available for purchase by the glass or bottle from Daisy Creek Vineyard
throughout the evening.*

~ Social Hour with Appetizer begins at 5:30 pm

~ Dinner is served at 6:30 pm

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

Payment is due in advance to reserve your seat. Cost is \$25 per person.

Deadline to get your reservation in is August 2nd.

This Wine Dinner takes the place of the regular dinner meeting in August.

No other meeting will be held.

Please mail your payments to:

Rogue Flyfishers P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501

Indicate "Wine Dinner" on your check memo.

DINNER MENU

Smoked Salmon Spread (Appetizer)

Chicken Picatta

Cheese Ravioli

Roasted Vegetables

Caesar Salad & Garden Salad

Bread

Cookies

\$25 per person

Otis Swisher

It is with a very heavy heart that I'm sending news of Otis Swisher's recent terminal diagnosis. He is under hospice care in his apartment and members of his close-knit family are making visits. He does not expect to live much longer.

While I was with Otis today, I asked if he would like to hear from old friends from RFF. I told him that so many of us would want to show our appreciation and respect for him for being the unofficial but incredibly generous "fly fishing ambassador in the Rogue Valley" (my name for him). He agreed that he would like to receive notes. You may email him at ghoti5@hotmail.com or send a note to his address at **2180 Poplar Dr. #322, Medford 97504**. Don't expect a response to your emails. At his very specific request, please do not call him or ask to visit. His energy is limited and you know that he is a very quiet person who demands his privacy. He does not want any kind of memorial service after his death.

Otis was well enough to go fishing with his son Jack and his old friend Vince at Takelma Park on Wed. Of course, he caught a lovely trout skating a deer-hair bomber with his 3 wt. rod! I've included a link to some pictures (taken by John Hutton) that his children are happy to be able to share with all of you.

<https://goo.gl/photos/gdFg7fWsWQQymho48>

I hope many of you will join me in showing your appreciation to Otis and saying your goodbyes to him.

Thank you, Jan Rowe 541-941-1740

****Don't forget our CHANGE of VENUE****

Beginning in June our monthly dinner meetings will be held at:

Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

The price for dinner will remain the same - \$22 per person. Buffet includes entrée, two sides, salad, rolls and simple dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and soft drinks are also included. There are NO STAIRS to navigate - the room is on the ground level. There is a full bar. Times remain the same.

Wet Fly 5:45 – 6:45 pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Raffle to follow
Program 7:45 -8:45

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED for dinner

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.

RSVP'S need to be in **by Friday** preceding the meeting.

Pay when you arrive. We will take cash or check, just as before.

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

If you have any questions regarding this change in venue, please contact one of our board members via the "Contact Us" tab on the website www.rogueflyfishers.org

See you at Centennial Golf Club **beginning June 21st!!**

Attention! The recent letter that went out in the mail announcing our venue change has an incorrect email address for RSVP's for dinner. The correct email is icrsrd303@gmail.com. Please make note of it.

Diamond Lake Outing June 17th

The Diamond Lake Outing will be held June 17th and hosted by Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle. We will meet at the Diamond Lake South Boat Launch at 0700, where coffee and breakfast burritos will be served. A brief fishing report will be provided prior to heading out to fish. To access the South Diamond Lake Launch, turn left from eastbound Highway 230 onto the Diamond Lake Access Road. (If you come to the Highway 138 intersection you passed your left turn. Go back west about a third of a mile.) After traveling north approximately half of a mile, you will see a sign on your right that reads Broken Arrow Campground left. Turn left towards Broken Arrow Campground. This will be the first paved left after leaving northbound from Highway 230. Shortly after turning left you will come to a paved road right. Turn right here to access the South Diamond Lake Launch. Parking here is \$5.00 for the day.

Historical weather for this date shows highs in the mid seventies to low eighties with thunder showers always a possibility. Lows range from mid thirties to mid forties.

Diamond Lake is primarily a boat or personal watercraft fishery. If you don't have a boat, plan to be in another's boat or own a personal watercraft, there is some limited shore access at various spots around the lake where fishing can be good, however being on the Lake is the preferred option.

The bugs at Diamond can be quite daunting. While on shore and around the campgrounds and resort, mosquitoes can be a hassle, so bring your bug spray. Once on the Lake, the mosquitoes are no problem however a heavy midge hatch can be challenging if the wind is not blowing. I recommend bringing a buff or other head gear that has bug netting. REI sells head nets for around ten bucks that you simply pull over your hat. This can be a day saver for some.

As far as gear, a single hand rod of any size with floating line and the necessities for indicator fishing in 5 to 14 feet of water will do well most of the time. Chronomid patterns, pheasant tails, hare ears, calibeatis nymphs all in sizes 14 to 20 and small balance leeches are the most common fly patterns. For those who prefer to strip, a rig with intermediate line will serve well most of the time. Wooly buggers, leeches and soft hackles are stripping favorites. A wide range of colors can be effective, however black, brown, olive and claret seem to work best. Any questions e-mail Steve at icrsrd303@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great outing !

“Rollin’ Down the River” Dinner & Auction 2017

Our committee wants to reach out and thank “everyone” who helped in any fashion to make this a very enjoyable evening and event. Whether you helped contribute your Time, Talent, Finances, or Items, you really made a difference. It was not a perfect event but we believe we did better than last year.

We want to thank all of the RFF Cash Donators, Item Donators, and supporters. We couldn't have done as well without YOU.

We believe the Padgham Pavilion worked out very well for our event. What a difference from last year. We had space, parking, lack of stairs, and air conditioning.

Big thank You's go out to the Jackson County Expo, Rosario's Restaurant, Ubhill One Concessionaires, & CYA Security for providing the right atmosphere.

Our auctioneer, Timari, from Liska Auctioneers, was terrific and full of energy. Her team worked very hard to help us achieve our goals. We look forward to having them return again.

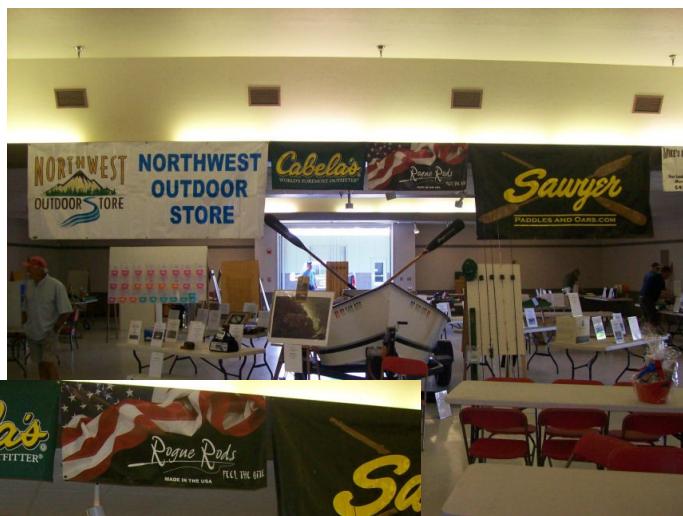
Please support our local businesses that contributed items and or services. This should include The Rogue Valley Anglers Fly Shop of Medford, Sportsman's Warehouse, Field & Stream (Dick's), Cabelas, Sawyer Oars, Rogue Jet Works, Harry and David, & Northwest Outdoors. I will have a donors list printed for all to see and the first meeting held at Centennial Golf Course.

Our Auction Committee & Volunteers deserve lots of recognition. They worked extremely hard this last 4 months to make this a very successful event.

Don Dabney, Wayne Douma, Rick & Bonnie Scriba, Michael Smith, Steve Day, Keith Hardcastle, Mick Cuff, new member Bill Burns, Sonja Nisson, John MacDiarmid, Ed Daniele, John Corsen, and Dale Heath & spouses are the major workforce of this auction.

Thanks to All.

Mike Masters



Holy Water

Holy Water fisherpersons should be aware that with assistance from Rogue Fly Fishers, ODFW has planted over 400 trophy size fish in the Holy Water. Also, you will see report boxes have been installed at various sites and they should have report forms in them. Please note the fish you catch, fin clips, tags, size, not fin clipped etc. Then complete and return the report forms.

Tight Lines. Holy Water Committee



Al Kyte's Casting Study

By John MacDiarmid CCI

In 1992 Al Kyte and G.T. Moran published a casting study titled, "The Biomechanics of Distance Casting" You can find this study in the Spring 2015 edition of *The Loop*. *The loop* is the publication of the casting group in the Fly Fishing International (Up until recently the Federation of Fly Fishers.) It is viewable under the headline casting. All members of the FFI have access to *The Loop*.

This is the first of three articles that will be done on the study. This first installment will give some background on Al Kyte and describe the study. The second and third articles will compare and contrast the backcast and forward cast of the two groups of casters: the Elites and the Good. Learning about good form and technique should aid us in improving our cast.

Background and Description of the Study Al Kyte was a P.E. Professor at U.C. Berkeley and thankfully a casting geek. When the Fly fishers International established the casting certification program a few years ago Al was one of the first Casting Board of Governors. They set up all the rules and govern the casting program. Long retired from Berkeley, Al has also retired from an active role in the casting program, he is one of the few Casting Board of Governors, Emeritus. In the early 80s I was a member of the Diablo Valley Fly Fishers in Walnut Creek and so was Al. He was an active member of the club and a down to earth pleasurable person. He liked telling the story that early in his teaching career he was a high school football coach and so was his father. Their two teams went up against each other and Al's team won. He has also published two books: *Fly Fishing, Simple To Sophisticated* and *The Orvis Guide To Better Fly Casting*.

When videos first came out, Al was quick to see the value of this tool in analyzing the cast. Watching and braking down the cast with the naked eye is like trying to see an Atom with any kind of visual aid, it can not be done. We somewhat guess what is happening based on the results. Videos with freeze stops changed all that for understanding casting. The laboratory was the U.C. Berkeley gym where Al set up 2 stationary cameras aimed at a casting station. A black curtain with vertical and horizontal lines hung on the wall behind the casters. White dots were placed on the casters at critical spots: wrist, elbow, hips, even ankles. Twenty of the best casters in northern California cast from this spot while the cameras were rolling. They all used the same rod (9' 7wt.) and the same line. Also they held the line with their line hand at the same spot (46') and they made their longest cast shooting the line. The beauty here is the study eliminated so many variables and they were able to compare and contrast the casters styles and techniques. Based on the casting results, the casters were grouped into two groups, the Elite casters that had a mean distance of 80' and the Good casters that had a mean distance of 71'. There were 9 casters in each group, data from two middle distance casters was removed. In summary the Elite Casters did 13 things different or better than the Good Casters. The next article will discuss the differences in the backcast between the two groups and a third article will discuss the forward cast differences. This will give us some things to think about to improve our casting.

Casting at Club Meetings!

One of the benefits of our new meeting place beginning in June, there is plenty of room to practice our casting on the grass. John MacDiarmid our Casting Chair will facilitate the casting on the North side of the main restaurant where there is a large open flat area. When you arrive at the restaurant just drive around the building to the North parking lot. You will see us casting beginning at 5P.M. Bring your rod or use the clubs.

Many thanks to Steve Day who was determined to improve our meeting situation. The Centennial has good food, the setting is outstanding and we can CAST. THANK YOU Steve, I am sure you will not have to buy your own beer at the meeting!

Gary Lewellyn, DMD

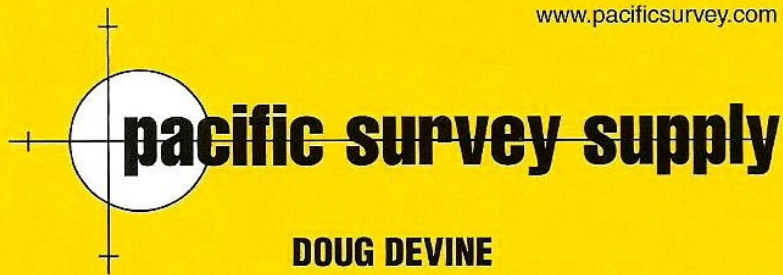


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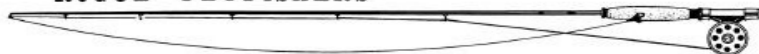
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