



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

Oregon's Best Smallmouth Bass Waters

In this where to go and how to catch them presentation, David Paul Williams "the acknowledged northwest master of smallies on the fly," 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 Fly Fishing 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. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fly Fishers International and Editor-In-Chief of Flyfisher magazine as well as secretary and former newsletter editor of the Washington Council FFI.

To learn more, go to www.thewriterealtor.com. or www.thefishingwriter.com.

After 40 Years with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,
David Haight is Retiring!



1978
2018

Come help him celebrate!

What: Picnic and Barbeque

When: Saturday June 16 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Where: River's Edge Park—off of Cole M. Rivers Drive on the south side of the Rogue River between Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery and Lost Creek Reservoir

Cost: \$10.00 for barbequed tri-tip and chicken, beans, salads, sides, desert, and soft drinks

Please RSVP to Amber Winslow (amber.d.winslow@state.or.us) at the Rogue Watershed District Office by June 1, 2018.

Payment for the meal and/or contributions for a gift can be made by sending a check made out to Amber Winslow to:

Amber Winslow
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Rogue District Watershed District Office
1495 East Gregory Road
Central Point, OR 97502



Annual WINE DINNER

*It's time to make your reservation for our annual
Wine Dinner on Saturday August 18th
at Daisy Creek Vineyard in Jacksonville
675 Shafer Lane*

*Come join us outside on the patio for a catered buffet dinner.
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 begins at 5:30 pm
~ Dinner is 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 10nd.*

*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.*

NEW Club Members

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

William & Lisa Lively
Michael Vaara
Jonathan Peterson
Laurie Morgan

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 have renewed your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

Galls Creek Project

As all of you are aware, the primary mission of the Rogue Flyfishers Club is to improve conservation of our fish and the habitat they live in so we can enjoy the continuing benefits of a healthy fish habitat.

Ryan Battleson, Assistant Biologist at ODFW has been working very closely with the Rogue Flyfishers Club to assure that the Holy Waters is improved as a great fishery for our use. In addition to staffing our Holy Waters Committee that is co-chaired by Jack Patterson and Will Johnson, Ryan has been very actively involved with members of the Holy Waters Project in trapping fish in various tributaries around the Rogue Valley that support the steelhead we like to catch in the Rogue River.

One of these projects, located in Galls Creek just outside of Gold Hill, has been undertaken by Ryan and a few of the club members. They need our help in tending a fish trap at Galls Creek so Ryan can use the data gleaned to improve the steelhead fish habitat in the area. Currently Kirk Kowalke, John MacDiarmid and Harry Foster are helping to trap fish for this project, but Ryan is in critical need of additional club members who could volunteer on Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday of each week so he can have two-person teams each day of the week.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, which takes no more than about 1-2 hours per assigned day, please contact Ryan at the email or office phone noted below so he can put the rest of the team together. This project is very important to our club.

Thanks,

Jack Patterson and Will Johnson

Contact Information for Ryan:

Ryan Battleson

Assistant District Fish Biologist | Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP)
ODFW Rogue District Watershed | 1495 East Gregory Road Central Point, OR 97502
541-826-8774 ext 226 (Office) | 541-826-8776 (Fax) | Ryan.D.Battleson@state.or.us



Here is an example of a fish trap that is used by ODFW to assist with fish counts.

The Suit Against Medford for Degrading The Rogue River

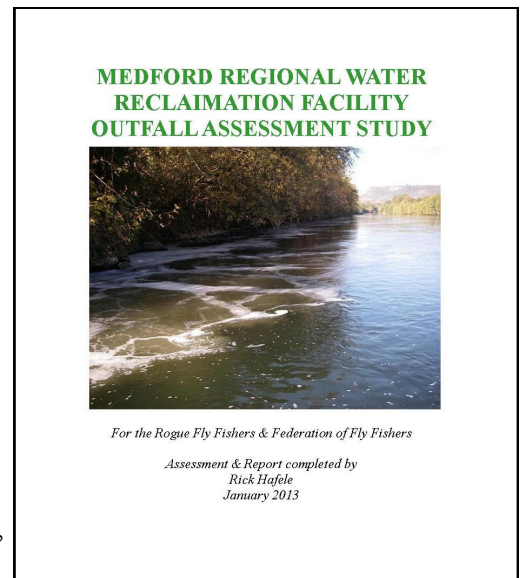
John MacDiarmid

No doubt many of you saw the article in the May 17, 2018 *Medford Mail Tribune* announcing the Suit against the city by the Northwest Environmental Advocates. This short article presents the back story on how that suit came about.

The Hafele Study

Many of you know Rick Hafele for his fly fishing writing. He and Dave Hughes wrote a classic back in 1981, *The Complete Book of Western Hatches*. They have since written articles and books both together and independently. Rick has a classic, *Nymph-Fishing Rivers and Streams*, (2006) that should be in every fly angler's library, even those that exclusively present the dry fly. You will see more in print from Dave than Rick, Dave is a fulltime writer, Rick had another job, he retired as the chief aquatic entomologist from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) around 2011.

In a former life somewhere south of the Rogue Valley, I spent 10 years writing Environmental Impact Statement for an office of consulting civil-sanitary engineers. We designed sewage treatment plants for cities. I am not an engineer (I have a masters in geography from Chico State) but having worked in the field, I was certain the Medford Discharge did not meet the federal clean water statutes. You can just see a significant increase in algae and plant life downstream of the discharge and the foamy discharge is very visible sometimes stretching all the way across the river .4 of a mile downstream.



I did the programs for our club for a few years and I had Rick Hafele come down for a fall program in 2011. The day after the presentation we went nymphing on the Rogue for steelhead and we fished below TouVelle ,pass the discharge. He agreed, the discharge not only did not pass the **smell** test, it looked like it could not pass a scientific test as well. Accordingly he designed a \$5,000 study to measure the river degradation from the discharge. Your Board stepped up and covered \$2,000 of the cost. The Oregon Council of the then Federation of Fly Fishers (now the Fly Fishers International) put in \$2500 and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and the Klamath Country Fly Casters each contributed \$250. In September 2012, with Rick directing and me helping, we collected numerous samples of algae and macroinvertebrates in the riffle upstream of the discharge and the two riffles downstream of the discharge. We collected numerous random samples in each riffle and carefully labeled their location.

The samples were dropped off at a private biological lab. in Corvallis for identification and counting. In January 2013 the resultant study was published and the title page is attached. You can read the study on our Web site. It is technical but readable. For example, one of the measurements (Scientist call these metrics.) was the number of stone fly species in the three sample areas. Not number of stoneflies, but number of species of stoneflies. Specie diversification is a measurement of water quality. In the riffle upstream of the outfall, nine species of stone flies were found. At High Banks, .4miles down from the outfall, only one stone fly was found in the riffle. One stonefly of one species. The river had recovered some by the next riffle, The Willows, 1 mile downstream from the outfall, 4 species were found. There are many other measurements made between the upstream riffle and the two downstream riffles. I encourage you to click on the study at our web site and read it. It is fascinating.

Scientific Follow Up

Following the publishing of the study, the State DEQ had Medford do their own study the next fall(2013) and the DEQ staff looked at all sources of nutrients above the WWTP discharge. They both recorded a water quality degradation below the Medford 17million gallons per day discharge. The Medford study was conducted by a private engineering office, Brown and Caldwell, and was more comprehensive than the DEQ Staff study. The river had been flushed by an unseasonable early rain before the Brown & Caldwell study but the trend in reduced water quality was still evident.

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Legal Follow Up

For some time it looked like the Rogue River Keeper was going to pursue legal action for enforcement working with the Crag Law Center. However, they decided not to and in the Fall of 2016, fortunately for the Rogue, The Northwest Environmental Advocates took up the cause. They retained the Earthrise Law Center at Lewis & Clark Law School to do the court work. In October, 2017 Earthrise Law Center sent the City of Medford a *Sixty-Day Notice of Intent to Sue*. Medford responded by hiring a Portland Water Quality attorney and negotiations began. Several months of discussions were not successful at resolving the claims so on May 16, 2018 The Earthrise Law Center on behalf of the Plaintiff, Northwest Environmental Advocates, filed on (sued) the City of Medford under the Federal Clean Water Act. The suit is in the Federal ,District of Oregon ,Medford Division Court.

Jordan Cove comment period

On May 22, DEQ and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened a 60-day comment period on a Section 401 Water Quality Certification application from the Jordan Cove Energy Project. View the full public notice at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/get-involved/documents/072118jordancove.pdf>.

Fly Casting Classes At Hedrick School Have Resumed



Rogue Flyfishers Club member John MacDiarmid, who is a FFI Certified Fly Casting Instructor, assisted by club members, Tom Collett and Bob Pierce, will once again be providing free fly casting classes at Hedrick Middle School, 1501 E. Jackson in Medford each Monday evening throughout the summer months. The classes are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. except those days when a holiday falls on Monday or there is bad weather. The last evening will be September 10th. The classes are an excellent way for beginning fly fishers to be introduced to the techniques of fly casting and they also provide an opportunity for experienced fly fishers to hone their skills through a little practice. People interested in attending one or more sessions should bring a favorite one-handed fly rod, reel, line and leader for practicing on the lawn. If a person does not have immediate access to their own gear, the club can

provide them with it when they arrive for the classes. The classes are not only an opportunity for instruction by excellent instructors, but also an opportunity to catch up with fellow anglers about all of the elements of fly fishing.

Cast for a free Dinner!

John MacDiarmid

Your Fly Fishing Club Casting Chair is sponsoring a friendly target casting competition at the next meeting at 5:00. We will be on the Medford side of the club house. All are welcomed to enter and learn about target casting as well as have a little fun. Three targets will be set up within 30' with one additional 40'. No need for hero distance cast. Yarn flies and five wt. rods will be available, or you can bring any rod you fish with.

DIAMOND LAKE OUTING JUNE 9TH

The Diamond Lake Outing will be held June 9th 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.

Historical weather for this date shows highs in the mid 60's to mid 70's with lows ranging from the low 30's to mid 40's. Thunder showers are always a possibility.

Diamond Lake is primarily a boat or personal watercraft fishery. If you don't have a boat, make plans to be in one. There is limited shore access at various locations around the Lake however being on the water is a huge advantage. 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.

With regard to gear, a single handed rod of any size with floating line and the necessities for indicator style fishing in 5 to 14 feet of water will do well. Chronomid patterns, pheasant tails, hares ears and callibaetis nymphs in sizes 14 to 20 and small balanced leeches often times work well. For those that prefer to strip or wind drift, a rig with an intermediate or hover line will serve well. Woolly Buggers, leech patterns and soft hackles are favorites.

For those folks attending the barbecue on Saturday evening, we will meet at our campsite in the Diamond Lake Campground along the east shore of the Lake around 6:00. We will be in spaces G31 and G34 which are located at the far south end of the campground and adjacent to the South Shore Pizza Parlor. To access the campsites simply park in the Pizza Parlor lot and take the trail at the north end of the parking area north into the campground. It's a very short walk. Bring a beverage of choice, a piece of meat that you would like to have grilled and a side dish for potluck and we'll have a great time by the fire. We will provide plates, utensils, napkins etc.

Any questions e-mail Steve at icrsrd303@gmail.com

“Where does our money go?”

Throughout the year, the club makes donations to various causes and advocacy groups who strive to help with the conservation, preservation, protection, education and enhancement of our natural resources and fishing conditions in the Rogue Valley.

The Board Members believe the Club Members should know where our money is going.

Donations for the month of May:

Waterwatch - \$50

Fish Migration Event (Kids Clay Making project) - \$273

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (additional donation towards Holy Water Tagging project) - \$342

The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. We are open to your suggestions if you would like to bring your ideas or comments to the table. Please let one of us know if you would like to attend.

Your Treasurer,
Theresa Schumacher

“Rollin’ Down the River” Dinner & Auction 2018

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.

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 Centennial Golf Club worked out very well for our event. We owe them a very big Thank You. Our auctioneer, Timari, from Rogue 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, Field & Stream (Dick’s), Sportsman’s Warehouse, Harry and David, Four Season’s Marine, Northwest Outdoors, and many of our valley’s fine wineries. Our gratitude goes out to all the club members who donated their time for the different fishing trips they offered.

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, Rick & Bonnie Scriba, Michael Smith, Tim Bolling, John Pogue, Steve Day, Keith & Kim Hardcastle, Julie & John MacDiarmid, John Corsen, and Dale Heath, & Harry Foster, Dave Roberts (set the Stage) are the major workforce of this auction. Thanks again to everyone & especially Alex and his crew from Centennial Golf Club.

Will anyone ever forget the bidding war for Rogue Valley Anglers Fly Shop -Guide Logan Johnson’s trip?

Mike Masters

2018 AUCTION RESULTS

The auction was a great success! Thank you to all those who attended, participated in bidding, and who helped out in this year’s auction. There were 141 in attendance. The following is a breakdown of the proceeds from the auction.

Live Auction \$12,645

Silent Auction \$4,244

Bucket Raffle \$978

50/50 Head or Tails \$380

Cash Donations \$330

Total \$18,577

Auctioneer’s Fee -\$1,000

Credit Card Merchant Processing Fee -\$499.19

NET PROFIT \$17,077.81

A BIG *thank you* to Mike Masters and the “auction crew” for putting on another successful auction. We could not have done it without all your hard work! Thank you!

Gary Lewellyn, DMD

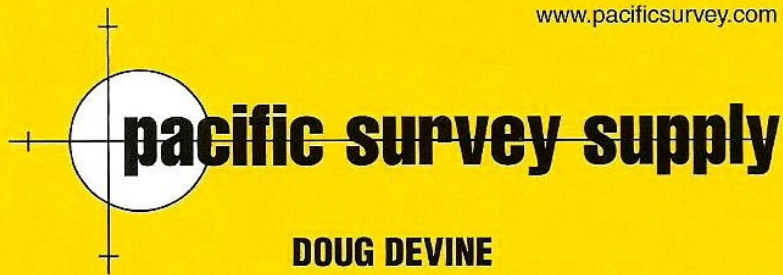


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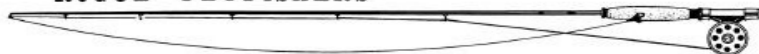
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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining 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.

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