



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 SURF PERCH

MIKE McCoy



President, Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers

Retired educator and fly fishing guide living in "paradise" on the banks of the North Umpqua River. Currently the President of Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers in Roseburg, Oregon. "I've caught a lot of fish all over the planet and still find the home waters of Oregon some of the best places on earth." Walking the beaches of the Oregon coastline has to be one of the most internally pleasing experiences available to Oregonians. Watching the magnificence of the ocean, it's currents and crashing waves doing their relentless chopping away at the shores of the Pacific coast is truly spectacular. Doing this with a rod in hand and an eye toward likely "holding water" for surf perch just adds to the enjoyment. Surf Perch can be both so much fun, and so frustrating at the same time. Wind, swirling wave action and of course some wind thrown in makes for some challenging casting...fortunately you do not have to throw line a million miles to catch this marauding shore species. They often feed aggressively in a foot or two of water surging in and out with the wave action. Lots of tips, fly patterns, some do's and don'ts, some where to go and what to look for, will all be on tap in the upcoming presentation in June.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - from Steve Day

“THEATRE OF SEASONS”

This is the time of year that many of us look forward to. For me, this is the “THEATRE OF SEASONS “. Winter has resigned into Spring and Summer is not far off. The days are getting longer and the annual renewal of the landscape is in full bloom. Many of us that fly fish in this part of the world, anticipate the longer days, the comfortable temperatures and the insect hatches and hungry fish that come with spring and summer.

This is the season of fellowship for many anglers. The opportunities for many to camp, fish and enjoy one another and the outdoors, is often times as important and rewarding as the fishing. Many lifelong friendships began with a fishing trip. John Ashley-Cooper wrote, "One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions." I believe this to be true. Whether with family or friends, fishing for me, this is fellowship.

By now, the warm water fishes are well into their spawn in many places and for those that target these fish, now is the time. As I write this, the Salmon Flies of the Upper River are again into their annual display and the Trout know it, the smattering of early Summer Steelhead know it, and the numerous anglers that eagerly await this seasonal phenomenon, know it as well.

For the Trout Fisherman, things are just starting to heat up. Waters are beginning to warm. The choking hatches of midges are well under way and the feeding behaviors of these fish have turned on as well. Calibeatis Mayflies have slowly started to emerge and they will soon be well under way. Followed by Caddis, Damsels and Dragons. Baitfish fry will enter the fray during late Summer. Brown Trout, Tigers and Redbands will try their best to reduce those numbers.

As Summer wanes on and the days shorten, a late, August, morning, will possess a certain air and aroma that signals the coming of Fall. Spring Chinook will nest with earnest and get on with the business of spawning, as they have done for tens of thousands of years. Downstream of this, Trout, Steelhead and other river fishes will take advantage of the bounty of dislodged aquatic insects and eggs flowing through the drift. Fly fishers will do the same.

With this comes the anticipation of that first explosive take of a fresh, Summer Steelhead on the swing. Their instinct and determination to destroy a small Lady Caroline or Silver Hilton, swung just under the surface, is incredible. There is nothing like that first aggressive pull of a silver missile that has overcome staggering odds, to return to their natal waters, to do what they do.

Morning frost will soon accompany dawn at the high lakes and the Trout will gorge themselves as Winter nears. The valley will ultimately chill as well and Steelhead season will progress with pulses of fresh fish into the River. The water gets colder and the River fish will transition into the prime lies of late fall. The floating lines will be replaced with Skagit setups. Lines get more robust as do the flies and the seemingly graceful and effortless casts of a Scandi system will be replaced with the less refined rhythms of the Skagit. Fall Chinook and Coho enter the system. The riverside trees begin to shed their leaves. The Ospreys undertake their annual journey to South America and the Trout of the upper lakes are only found in photos.

Far too soon the days become shorter, the nights cool considerably and we await the first fresh, fish of Winter. The unpredictability of the Winter Steelhead season comes with hope that river conditions will cooperate slightly, so that we can experience that “Fish of a Thousand Casts.”

The “THEATRE OF SEASONS” will end far too soon. And at least for me, these seasons pass far too quickly. The checklist of places to fish is often times too long or the “THEATRE” is far too short. In either case, time is of the essence. Hopefully all of us have the good fortune of many more of these remarkable events and experiences in our lifetime. The “THEATRE” will go on but seating may be limited.

I encourage you to make every effort to enjoy this “THEATRE OF SEASONS”.

“I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result, of someone taking me fishing.”

Thank You from Casting for Recovery



Casting for Recovery recently held their Southern Oregon Retreat at the Big K Ranch along the Umpqua River. Fourteen women who are fighting or have survived breast cancer attend the retreat, where they shared their experiences, made new friends, and learned the therapeutic art of fly fishing. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and many made plans to meet up for additional fishing trips.

The CfR volunteer staff thanks the Rogue Flyfishers for their ongoing support of Casting for Recovery. Without the club's generous donations of funds, fly boxes, flies, and volunteer help, the Southern Oregon retreat would not be possible.



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Fly of the Month

McBear's Caterpillar Comet

By Dave McCants



Hook: Gamakatsu T10 – 6H in green sizes 4 & 6

Thread: Uni or Danvilles 6/0 Flouro Chartruese

Eyes: Spirit River I-Balz 3/16 Nickel, green with black pupil, tied on downside of hook to ride properly

Tail: Chartruse Marabou 1.23 times the body length

Body: Riverborn New Age Chenille, Wintergreen, Size 2

Collar: Frizzly Saddle Hackle Fl. Yellow, 5-6 turns

Head: Thread as above, with 3 coats of head cement

The dinner menu for the meeting is:

Pit Smoked Salmon, Roasted Vegetables, House Salad, Fettuccine Alfredo, Desert

Bob Shuck is in town

Our long time friend, Bob Shuck, will be in the area during June this year. He would like to connect with old friends and do some local fishing. You can contact him at 541-840-9909.

WINE DINNER

*It's time to make your reservation for our annual
Wine Dinner on Saturday August 17th
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 9nd.*

The main entrée will be Roast Pork Loin. The caterer will accommodate those who prefer a vegetarian entrée. Please specify that you prefer the vegetarian entrée when you mail in your reservation.

*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 in May:

Jeff Gruden
John Matthews

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.

Just Drifting Down the River” Dinner & Auction 2019

A big thank you to everyone who attended, donated, or helped with our annual fundraising dinner and auction this year! Centennial Golf Club and Rogue Oregon Auctioneers did another great job helping us put on this event and in particular, Alex Jacobberger of Centennial deserves a great deal of credit. He was very accommodating and easy to work with so tell him ”thanks” when you see him at the next meeting.

We have a few small bills to pay and a few dollars still coming in so a full accounting won’t be available until next month, but preliminary results shows our net income will be very similar to last year. That is terrific as attendance was down a bit so the people that were there were generous in bidding on the live the silent auction and buying bucket raffle and 50-50 tickets. The fly tiers bin also went well and could very well be back again next year.

By the time of this newsletter, a list of donors should have been posted to our blog. Please support those businesses that contributed generously to the auction and tell them “thanks” when you patronize their business.

I personally want to thank the Auction Committee and other volunteers who worked so hard these past 5 months gathering donations, organizing everything, and helping out during the auction. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into putting this event on and without them it wouldn’t be possible to have the terrific success we had. Almost everyone involved was new to the auction this year so we did have a few bumps along the way, but we learned a few things so next year will go even better.

Tim Bolling

AUCTION SALE ITEMS



Some of the items donated to the auction either were not seen or were not practical to bring to the auction. Two of the items are listed here and we will take bids on them until the regular June meeting. There are no minimum bids and you do not need to be present at the June meeting to submit a bid.

ITEM 1 – This is a gift certificate from Central Point Eyecare for an eye exam plus 1 pair of glasses or polarized sunglasses. Retail value is about \$ 1000 and the certificate must be used by 4/2020.

ITEM 2 – This is a desk suitable for use as a fly-tying desk.

It is in excellent condition and available for inspection at the club storage unit. Dimensions are 39 ½” wide x 76” tall x 31 ½” deep.

Submit bids to Tim Bolling at
timbolling328@gmail.com

June Outing: Surfperch and Coastal Cutthroat

Several members requested we hold an outing to the coast to fish for surfperch and others requested an outing to target coastal cutthroat trout, so on June 3rd and 4th, the Rogue Flyfishers will host an outing to the Brookings area where we can fish for both. We will meet at 9:00 AM on the 3rd in the parking lot at Crissey Field State Park, which is just north of the Oregon/California state line and just south of the Winchuck River. There we will discuss where to go and when to fish for each of the species.

Surfperch can be found feeding in the surf where the wave action dislodges food items from the sand. They tend to travel in schools, so fishing can be boom or bust. The key is to find a school of fish and stay with them as they move along the beach. Early June is the prime time to target these fish since the fish congregate along the shore at that time of year, and the surf is generally not as rough. The best fishing usually occurs during the first two hours after low tide the two hours before the high tide.

Six to eight weight rods are typically used for surfperch—the lighter rods are preferable under calm conditions, and the heavier rods make it easier to fish if the wind or waves are strong. Sink-tip lines are preferable, but floating lines will work. A section of 10 lb. monofilament is all that is necessary for a leader. If the waves are strong and visibility is low, bright orange, red, and yellow flies like John Shewey's Surfpercher Red or Redtail Runner work well. If the ocean is relatively calm, smaller more somber imitations of mole crabs (a favorite of surfperch) can be effective. Typical bone-fish flies and small Clouser Minnows will also work.

The Chetco and Winchuck Rivers both have good populations of searun and resident cutthroat trout. Low in the systems, the searun trout can be target with small streamers or small steelhead flies by casting and retrieving around cover in tide-water and pools or by swinging the flies through slow runs. Like the surfperch, searun cutthroat seem to like orange, red, and yellow flies. As you move further up the streams, you can fish for the coastal cutthroat like you would for trout in most any stream—drifting dry flies or nymphs—except coastal cutthroat tend to be in slower water and gravitate toward cover. Five or six-weight rods are ideal, and floating, sink-tip, and slow sinking lines can all be useful depending on the situation. Though not necessary, a pontoon boat or driftboat would allow better access to good water on the lower Chetco River.

For those wanting to spend both days, the Brookings area has plenty of motels, RV parks, and restaurants. Plus, there are nice campgrounds at Harris Beach State Park just north of Brookings and at Loeb state Park up the Chetco River.

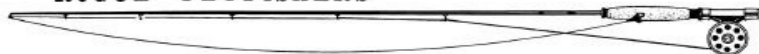
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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining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