

JUNE 2022

# Rogue Flyfishers

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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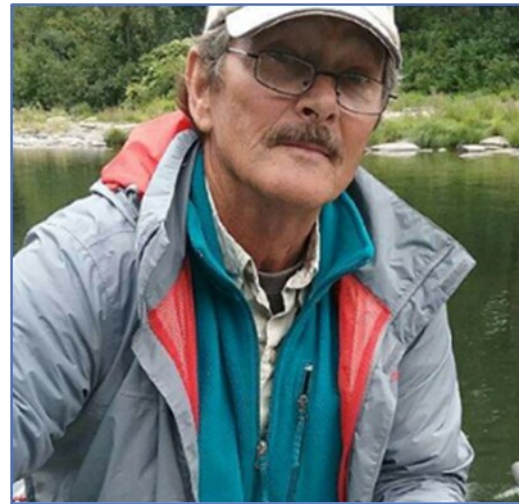
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## PROGRAM

### Chuck Huntington



Chuck Huntington grew up fly fishing and tying primarily for selective trout in tailwaters and spring creeks. His fishing experiences have since diversified to include freestone rivers, steelhead, and the pursuit of a variety of lake-dwelling species. After retiring (or doing his best to do so), Chuck has rebalanced his life from decades spent as an overworked consulting aquatic biologist who fished too little and has returned to his roots as a fly-fishing bum.

Today, Chuck will talk about some things he knows about fishing the Callibaetis mayfly hatches of Crane Prairie Reservoir and East Lake in central Oregon, with an emphasis on how to find, pursue, and fool the trout that are surface feeding on these insects. His presentation will provide RFF members and guests with information intended to enhance their angling experiences on these two waterbodies.



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## President's Message from David Haight

June should be a great month for the Rogue Flyfishers. We will have one of our best outings for the year: Steve Day will be leading a trip to Crane Prairie on June 17 – 19 to enjoy the great trout and largemouth bass fishing the lake has to offer. Steve hosted this outing last year, and it was a lot of fun. We will also have our first dinner meeting of the year. Since our usual venue at Centennial Golf Course is still unavailable, we will be meeting at the Rogue Valley Country Club. It will also be a week later than usual, on June 22, to avoid a conflict with the Crane Prairie outing. Other than those changes, it will be a typical meeting with the Wet Fly starting at 5:45 pm, the business meeting and dinner at 6:45 pm, a great program by Chuck Huntington on dry-fly fishing in our local lakes, and a raffle. I am looking forward to both of these events.

June should also offer some good fishing in our area. Conditions in most of our streams and lakes were pretty dire in the middle of March, but with all the rain and snow we have received since then, conditions have improved significantly: The flows in the streams increased sufficiently to provide good conditions for anadromous fish migration, and with more water remaining in storage, flow should be much better this summer than they would have been. The water levels also improved greatly in many of our reservoirs. This has allowed improved boat access, and hopefully, will help maintain better fishing into the summer. Since the cool, wet weather kept many of our lakes cooler than usual for this time of year, several of our local trout and warmwater fisheries should be quite good in June.

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers invited us to join them at their outing to Copeland Pond on May 7, and quit a few RFF members accepted the invitation. The weather turned out to be much nicer than forecast, and the fishing was great. We caught a very good number of quality-sized largemouth bass, plenty of nice crappie, and several big bluegill. It was a terrific event!

In turn, we invited the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers to join us at our May 14 picnic at Tou Velle State Park. Between the two clubs, over 60 people attended. From all the reports I received, everything was great. Steve Day served up a fantastic feast (as he always does), John MacDiarmid provide helpful casting instruction and entertaining games. Tim Bolling and Kirk Kowalke raised over \$1600 with the silent auction and raffle. I'm sorry I missed it, but since I was on a float trip through the Rogue Canyon, I wasn't too upset.

As I write this, I am getting ready to leave for the club's outing to the Owyhee River. Mike Masters is already there, and is sending back good reports. I suspect several people will have pictures of big brown trout to share at the next meeting.

We will have our usual summer hiatus from meetings in July and August, but will still have outings (Klamath Lake on July 13 and the Sly Lakes Wilderness on August 13 – 14), and possibly some other events. Dinner meetings will resume at Centennial on September 21, and on Saturday October 8, we will have our big auction.

I am looking forward to see you at the Crane Prairie outing and our June dinner meeting. In the meantime, I hope you are all getting out on the water and catching a bunch of fish—or at least, having fun trying!





## **2022 FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND DINNER**

**OCTOBER 8, 2022**

**JACKSON COUNTRY EXPO**

**PADGHAM PAVILION**

**Doors open 4:00 PM**

**Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction close 5:30**

**Dinner Buffet (by Back Porch Bar & Grill) at 5:40**

**Live Auction starts at 6:45**

**Tickets are \$ 30.00 and go on sale 7/1/22**

**For additional information contact Tim Bolling, Auction  
Chair at [RFFishers90@gmail.com](mailto:RFFishers90@gmail.com)**



# COME JOIN US FOR DINNER !

WHEN: JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

WHERE: ROGUE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

OAKS MEETING ROOM (UPSTAIRS)

2660 HILLCREST ROAD

MEDFORD, OR

WHAT: DINNER (NEW YORK DELI) & PRESENTATION

TIME: DOORS OPEN @ 5:00

WET FLY 5:30 – 6:45

DINNER & MEETING 6:45

PROGRAM 7:45 – 8:45

RAFFLE TO FOLLOW

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

DRESS: COLLARED SHIRTS ONLY

JEANS AND SHORTS OK

RSVP: RSVP'S ARE MANDATORY (no walk ins!)

“No Shows” will be billed!

SEATING IS LIMITED!

RSVP's must be made by FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>

email [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or call

(661) 742-5835 for reservations.

# AUCTION NEWS

I want to thank all those who participated in the “mini” auction and bucket raffle held during the May picnic. We took in almost \$ 1700.00! Hopefully that’s a good sign for the “regular” auction and dinner that will be held in October. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. A special thanks to Kirk Kowalke for all his help, before after and during the picnic and to all those who donated items or their time. In particular I want to thank **The Fishing Hole** of Shady Cove for their donation of a scenic raft trip on the Rogue for 3 people. Based on the conversation I had with the winning bidder, I suspect that may be upgraded to a guided fishing trip

With the opportunity for very little fundraising the past couple of years, it’s crucial we fill the coffers back up so we can resume supporting organizations like WaterWatch, Rogue River Watershed Council, Rogue Riverkeeper, and others. So please plan now to attend our auction and dinner. We already have a number of great items but will be adding more. Details to follow in the next newsletter!

## Highway Clean up

Rogue Flyfishers after a long Covid break has signed on to pick up trash along the road leading to the Holy Waters on June 10. We are moving to this new area so that we can combine the clean-up with fly-fishing for those who are interested. Our area is about 2 miles long and begins at the intersection of Takelma Road and Highway 62. We will cover the area from there to the Fish Hatchery and along the river. We can also pick-up trash in the campgrounds. We will meet at 9 am in the McGregor Park Day Use Picnic Parking Lot off Takelma Road near Highway 62. There is no fee or parking permit required.

We are hoping that some of our expert Holy Water fishers will volunteer to teach some of our members who are not familiar with the water, where and how to fish the river—maybe even a few “secret holes for members only” if so inclined. Our many local fly shops will be happy to help with fly selections, gear and expert fishing advice. This is Salmon Hatch time of year so it can be very productive.

We hope to have a good turnout. An advantage of moving to this area is that there are areas not on the highway such as the campgrounds, fish hatchery etc. that would be safe for kids-- so bring the kids and grandkids if you would like. We will have prizes for the kids to make it even more exciting. It’s great when we can introduce them to flyfishing and public service. I would like to know how many adults and kids are coming so I can plan accordingly. Please call and just leave message or questions if I don’t answer.

Paul Seymour  
719.337.4459 (mobile)

## Casting At The Picnic

John MacDiarmid

The club picnic is a wonderful opportunity to string up the fly rods and enjoy some casting camaraderie. So while Steve Day’s delicious dinner was grilling on the “Barbi” several members were working on improving their cast and participating in the American Casting Association 5Wt. Game. Novice casters worked at improving their timing and tempo to produce a tighter loop and a few more advanced casters were adding the double haul to their casting quiver. Fourteen participants entered the 5Wt. Game. David Nilson and David Derrick had the top two scores. Alex and Steve Haskell tied for the longest cast, 84’, while Brendt Hardcastle and David Derrick cast in excess of 80 feet. Casters were using a 5wt 9’ Sage Zaxis rod and a Ballistic fly line.



# Owyhee River Outing



Good times for all on the Owyhee River. Everyone had the thrill of the tug on their lines. From Monday through Sunday there were 167 fish caught, of them only 1 was a rainbow. All total, we had a group of 12, who for the most part had never been here before. Everyone enjoyed the scenic views of this high desert location. A brand new member to our club, Mark Hamlin even took time to rest his casting arm and ventured out to Painted Canyon on a 6 mile hike. We had a little stormy weather, so 7 of us huddled in my trailer on Saturday night for a Brats/potluck dinner. We became very close friends. As all reports came in it looks like the biggest fish from our group was a 19" Brown and a 18" Bow. One of new friends we encountered landed a 24" Bow.

We encountered hatches of Caddis and BWO, with lots of fish taken on size 18-20 midges and many on streamers. Something for everyone.

We just might do this again





# CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING

**JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2022**



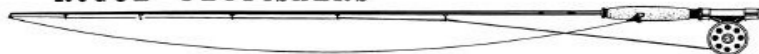
Come join us for our big summer outing of the year. Crane Prairie Reservoir will again be our destination in June. The Official Base Camp for this Outing will be Rock Creek Campground, Space 10. Your Hosts will be there from Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to come by anytime, for any reason.

Rock Creek Campground is located at the southwest corner of the lake and reservations are currently being accepted through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Quinn River and Cultus Lake campgrounds are also very close. If you are planning on attending, I would recommend making reservations soon as this area fills up quickly.

Come on out, fish, fellowship and enjoy. For more information contact Steve Day at [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or (661) 742-5835.



## ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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## Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| The Ashland Fly Shop  | 399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland | 541-488-6454 |
| The Fishin' Hole      | 21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove             | 541-878-4000 |
| Rogue Fly Shop        | 941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass           | 541-476-0552 |
| Rogue Valley Anglers  | 218 E. Main St., Medford             | 541-973-2988 |
| Sportsman's Warehouse | 1710 Delta Waters Road Medford       | 541-732-3700 |

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 [jimulm9@msn.com](mailto:jimulm9@msn.com)

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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,

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

(2nd best) **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here \_\_\_

**Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_ or by **US Mail** \_\_\_?

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

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