

JUNE 2023

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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MEETING

There will be a Club picnic on
June 10th

The next Club dinner meeting
will be September 20th

Upcoming Schedule

No Club Meeting May Through August
No board Meeting in July or August
Club Board Meeting 6/7,9/6
SO Fly Tyers meeting 6/13
No fly tyers meeting July or August
Outings:

Salmon Fly 6/9
Diamond Lake 6/17-6/19
Upper Klamath Lake 7/12
Emigrant Lake 6/21

Events; Club Picnic 6/10

Check the Club Calendar for more information



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President's Message from David Haight

On May 7, five members of the Rogue Flyfishers volunteered as “river guides” for the Casting for Recovery retreat, held at the Big K Ranch on the Umpqua River, where we assisted participants as they learned to fly fish and attempted to catch, for many, their first fish. Casting for Recovery is a program that offers counseling and support for women who are battling or have survived breast cancer. Teaching these women to fly fish is an integral part of this program due to the relaxing and meditative aspects of the sport and due to the gentle exercise it offers. Many of the women that participate the retreats become quite avid fly fishers. The Rogue Flyfishers have been long-term supporters of Casting for Recovery not only by providing river guides, but also through the donations of money and materials, and assistance with fund-raising.

Casting for Recovery is not the only program the Rogue Flyfishers support. We have, for years, assisted with Project Healing Waters—a program that teaches veterans the skills of fly fishing and fly tying, and gets them out on the river for a day of fly fishing. We offer fly-tying and fly-fishing demonstrations, instruction, and classes at a number of venues, such as the Festival on the Rogue coming up on June 4. We have provided instructors for outdoor education classes for students from grade school through high school. We provide financial support to environmental education programs such as Oregon Stewardship. We also fund two scholarships each year for students majoring in Fisheries Sciences at Oregon State University.

The Rogue Flyfishers have also been active in fisheries management and habitat protection and enhancement. Members frequently have volunteered to help the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and other organizations with various surveys and projects. We have assisted with tree-planting projects, fish passage projects, and in-stream habitat-enhancement projects. Our members have served on advisory committees helping to develop fishery management plans. We also work with organizations like Water Watch and the Rogue River Watershed Council, and help to fund some of their projects.

There are many other examples where the Rogue Flyfishers have provided service to our community or strongly advocated for our natural resources. For these and many other reasons, I am proud to be a member of the Rogue Flyfishers, and I am proud of what this club does!



Emigrant Lake Outing

Wednesday, June 21, 2023



Come out and have some fun on the local pond. Emigrant Lake is close by. It can be fished from a boat or from shore. You may get a tug from crappie, smallmouth, largemouth, perch or trout. You can “bobber fish” (fly under an indicator) or strip leeches/wooly buggers/streamers on a sinking line or troll your favorite stillwater pattern.

The park is a fee area (\$4/day). If you have an annual Jackson County Parks pass, you’re good. We’ll meet at the North boat ramp at 10am. It’s the last stop before the campground at The Point. Depending on lake level there may be some parking off the left side of the ramp. If not, park near the top of the ramp. I’ll suggest places to try whether you’re on foot or will be fishing from a boat or float tube/’toon boat.

Gear wise, the fish aren’t too picky. A 5, 6 or 7 wt rod matched with a floating and/or intermediate sinking line is good. The crappie seem to find a brown balanced leech, #8 or #10, under an indicator hard to resist. Bring plenty of water to drink. Apply sunscreen before you get there.

If you are interested in attending, please email Doug Bolgiano at c177b803_krnt@ymail.com to get on the list. Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list a week before the outing.



Auction Donation Items Needed!

If you would like to donate time to host a day of fishing or if you have items of value for auction, please contact Tammy Dedrick prior to June 5th.

Proposed Outing for Rogue River Salmon Fly Hatch June 3rd, 2023 – Dave (Bear) McCants

I believe it has been a while since we have done an outing for the salmon fly hatch on the Rogue River.

I would like those who would like to fish that hatch this year to join me at Casey Park (up highway 62 past the Trail Market) at 9am. I recommend a 6 or 5 weight rod with a weight forward line as we will be throwing very large bugs for large fish. Leaders should be 9-foot 2x or 3x as the strikes and be vicious.

This will be a “from shore” walk and wade trip and we should be casting along shore unless the water is high again this year.

We can break for lunch at 1pm and get burritos and tacos at the Trail Market. Breakfast burritos can also be had when you drive up to meet me at Casey Park.

We should break off in groups of 2 and fish shorelines from Casey all the way up to Lost Creek Dam (Holy Water, barbless hooks and catch and release only on that section of river).

For those that want to fish after lunch we can go back up around 2ish and begin again.

I will try to have a simple map for folks to use too. Flies can be bought at local shops and Sportsman's Warehouse. Adult Salmon flies will be needed and some dropper nymphs too. For those tiers, you can find the three dry's I use on the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers website under Dave McCants. Video's to follow shortly.

If you would like to sign up for the outing, please email me or call me at: Davetyer177@gmail.com or 541-973-3508.

Let's have some fun!

Results from the Rogue Flyfishers Member Survey

We have tabulated the results from the survey of the members, and as I mentioned last month, most of the responses were positive. For many of the members, what they liked most about the club is the relationships they developed with fellow fly anglers and the knowledge they have gained from being in the club. That, of course, is one of the primary reasons for having a club. Here is a closer look at what we found from the survey:

Monthly Meetings

The majority of the members said that they wanted dinner and beverages at the meetings, and were happy with Centennial. Twenty-two of the respondents said having dinner was very or moderately important, seven said it was not important, and only three said they preferred not to have dinner. Similarly, twenty-four said having an open bar was very or moderately important, six said it was not important, and only one said they preferred not to have a bar. Twenty-seven respondents said they were happy with Centennial, two preferred a less expensive alternative, and two were willing to pay more for a higher-quality alternative.

Most of the members liked the format of the meetings; however, a few members preferred to have the meetings end earlier, either by starting earlier or by shortening the meetings. The Board of Directors are concerned that if we start earlier, it would make it hard for people with jobs and other commitments to participate. We will, however, try to make sure the meetings move along and end at a reasonable time.

Our members liked a variety of programs; however, preferred programs about local and regional fishing destinations, as well as about those about improving skills and techniques. Programs about fishing for steelhead and trout in streams was the top choice, followed by fishing for trout in lakes, and fishing for bass and warmwater fish.

Members liked having the raffle, and liked seeing fly-fishing equipment, especially rods, and outdoor gear on the table. Hosted fishing trips also received a lot of interest, so we will try to get more of those in the raffle.

Classes

Members clearly wanted to see more classes offered, especially intermediate level classes. Classes focused on specific fisheries received a lot of votes, as did classes on specific techniques, such as Spey casting.

Outings

Outings remained popular with our members. Local one-day outings and regional multi-day outing both received a lot of interest. A few members liked the idea of the club hosting trips to exotic locations and to private fee waters. Trout, steelhead, and bass were the preferred target species; however, there was interest in other fish also.

Conservation and Education

The majority of our members placed a high importance on the club's work in conservation and Environmental education programs directed toward K – 12 students, college students, and the community at large all received strong support. There was also strong support for every category of fishery and habitat protection and enhancement. While members felt we should focus on local issues, most of the respondents felt we should also address important regional issues.

General

The survey indicated that the members of the Rogue Flyfishers are generally happy with the club and don't see a need for many changes. The area where many of the respondents felt the club needed to improve was in the recruitment of new members. Several members felt that the club making more use of social media and making the website more interactive would help in this area.

The Board of Directors received a lot of good information about the specific interests of the club members, and many good suggestions for improvements. We will look for ways to enhance the club based on this information. The Board members, however, cannot implement everything by themselves. Offering more classes, being more involved with conservation and education, and enhancing our online presence will require members to offer their time and talents.

David Haight, President

ROGUE FLYFISHERS & SOUTHERN OREGON FLY FISHERS **BBQ PICNIC**

WHEN: JUNE 10TH, 12:00 – 5:00
WHERE: TOM PEARCE PARK
3700 PEARCE PARK ROAD
GRANTS PASS
WHAT: GREAT FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN

COME JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL, FUN FILLED, EVENT. WE WILL BE JOINED BY THE SOUTHERN OREGON WOMEN ON THE FLY AND THE ROGUE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL.

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE CASTING GAMES, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES AS WELL AS A DELICIOUS BBQ WITH YOUR CHOICE OF GRILLED TRI-TIP OR GRILLED CHICKEN AND PLENTY OF FIXINGS. BOTTLED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE. MEAL WILL BE SERVED AROUND 3:00. THE MEAL IS \$10.00 PER PERSON, PAID UPON ARRIVAL AND AN **RSVP IS REQUIRED BY MONDAY, JUNE 5TH**. To RSVP, CALL STEVE DAY AT (661) 742-5835 OR EMAIL ICRSRD303@GMAIL.COM, LEAVE YOUR NAME, NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS AND YOUR CHOICES FOR TRI-TIP OR CHICKEN.

UPON ENTRY INTO THE PARK, PROCEED TO THE RIGHT AND TRAVEL WEST UNTIL YOU REACH THE LARGE PAVILION. A JOSEPHINE COUNTY PARK PASS OR A \$5:00 DAY USE FEE IS REQUIRED AND CAN BE PAID UPON ENTRY INTO THE PARK.

BBQ Casting Fun

Many of us bring our rods for some recreational casting at the picnic. In addition, the casting chair is available to help folks improve their cast if they wish. Want to add more distance? Accuracy? This is your opportunity to accomplish these casting goals. We will also have a friendly 5wt. Game casting competition. This program was developed by the American Casting Association to help casters measure their casting improvement. There are a set of rings to cast to for accuracy followed by distance casting for a combined score. Bring your 5wt. Rod, not over 9', and 5wt. Line or use the one we have. All participants will be entered in a \$25 fly shop gift certificate raffle. Tight Loops,

John MacDiarmid, Casting Chair

DIAMOND LAKE OUTING

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH



The Diamond Lake Outing previously scheduled for June 17th and 18th has been rescheduled for Saturday the 17th only. This rescheduling was due to the ongoing uncertainty of campground access on that weekend.

We will meet at the south end boat ramp at 8:30, where we will go over best locations, tactics and answer any questions regarding the fishery.

Diamond has a robust population of Rainbows, Browns and Tiger Trout. Best tactics include indicator fishing with Chironomid imitations, small nymphs and balanced leeches. Cast and strip presentations as well as wind drifting can be productive using hover or Intermediate sinking lines with small wooly buggers, leeches and other small minnow patterns being effective.

Rod choice is quite variable and rods from 3wt to 8wt can be useful with 5wt and 6wt being favored. Shore access is very limited so boats or personal watercraft are almost essential to a successful day.

There is a possibility that Chironomid activity could be heavy this time of year. Being prepared with a buff, head net or other face covering could prove to be useful but best of all, **THEY DO NOT BITE!**

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

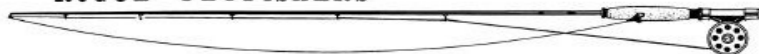
I've been asked by a number of people why we aren't having an auction this year. There are two major reasons.

First, traditionally our auction has been held in May. The auction was held in October last year only because last Spring it wasn't clear what large gathering restrictions due to the pandemic may still have been in place. The Board of Directors determined it was best to delay the auction until Fall for that reason. We were also aware that SOFF, who normally has their auction in the Fall, was probably not going to have an auction in 2022 for a variety of reasons.

With the 2022 auction held in October, it was felt that having the next auction in May just didn't leave enough time to get organized. Typically planning for the auction starts at least 7 months prior to the event itself. Also, the businesses and individuals who contribute to the auction had just donated to the October auction and asking them to contribute to another auction so soon after the last one really was asking quite a bit of them.

So, those are the two main reasons we aren't having a full action in 2023. However, that makes the auction we will have during the June BBQ that much more important this year as it will be the major fundraising event for the year. I know Tammy Dedrick has been working hard to put together a terrific list of items so please, come out to the June BBQ and support her!

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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

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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