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NEWSLETTER

April 2011

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Rogue Flyfishers Presents: Daren Roe, Roe Outfitters-- Fishing the Klamath Country



Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Red Lion Hotel - 200 North Riverside in Medford
Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 Buffet Dinner and raffle at 7 PM

Darren has been a hunting and fishing guide since 1984 and he has been centered in the Klamath Country since the mid 90s.

We are fortunate to live close to the Klamath Country, containing some of the best trout fishing in North America.

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If you fish the Klamath Area come and learn some new techniques or places! If you haven't fished it, this is your chance to get introduced to this wonderful area. You won't want to miss it!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—APRIL 2011

I looked up the word "community" in the dictionary the other day and this is what it said: "a unified body of individuals"- "an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location". Certainly, we are the same species (despite the way some of us look after a rough day on the water). We all struggle in different degrees and at different times to live, be happy and prosper, so we are unified in that. We all live on the same planet. In the broadest of terms we are all part of the community of mankind. Although I may feel a kinship with the rest of the people in the world, there is no real "connection" so no sense of "community". I returned to the dictionary for further review. "Community" is also defined as "a group linked by a common policy" and "joint ownership or participation". Now we are getting somewhere! This little club of ours is a "community!" The founders of our club were strangers who formed a community because they were unified in a common policy. They were willing to share joint ownership and participation in the health and welfare of the woods and waters and habitat of fish. As members of the fly fishing community, we all value, respect, nurture and protect. That is the unspoken creed of the fly fisher. As members of our club, our sense of "community" runs deeper than that. We actually WORK to improve habitat and protect landscape and waterways. We earn and spend precious dollars for continuing education, conservation and improvements to the locale and sport. Please, be passionate in your desire to participate in this community! Let's be "united" in our efforts to make this club the best that it can be. As part of that process, extend your hand and get to know someone new. Pick up the phone and invite someone from "outside of your circle" to go fishing. And finally, when you get home, figure out what you can donate to our auction and mark your calendar to attend. Thank you.

Rogue Flyfishers On-line Community

We are starting a new and exciting initiative to make it easier for members to communicate with each other about anything related to our hobby / passion / obsession / addictionFly Fishing. We all have questions now and then about where to go fishing, what flies to use, etc. You may want to arrange for a ride-share to an outing. Want to exercise your bragging rights? Just send your RFF buddies in the group a picture of that once-in-a-lifetime catch. Planning a fishing trip to an area or country you are not familiar with? Ask the group members to share their experiences. The objective is to create an active on-line community using the internet.

How does it work?

You may be familiar with topic specific chat rooms, bulletin boards or social networks that require you to sign up and become a member or 'friend'. They all have the objective to facilitate communication between members. Although our objective is very much in line with these media, we have chosen a very simple tool that most of you are familiar with: email. We have set up a system that only requires you to have an email account. There is no need for additional memberships, sign-ups or navigation to a website; all communication will go through your regular email account. This is a PRIVATE group, open only to members of our club and MAY eventually be opened to our SOFF brethren. Your email information will be confidential and not available for any other use! If you want to participate in the group just send an email to **ROGUEFLYFISHERS@GMAIL.COM** and the administrator will add you to the group. You will receive a confirmation with additional instructions and the code of conduct. From that moment you can begin communicating with other participants. What a GREAT way to make the most of our club and fishing experiences!

All you need to do is send an email to: **ROGUEFLYFISHERS@GMAIL.COM** (You will always have the ability to withdraw from the group at any time.)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

DATE	KEY CONTACTS	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	RFF PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in March 2011	John Ward, Conservation Chairman 541-482-2859	Miscellaneous activities performed by our Conservation Chairman: Attended two Shady Cove City Council meetings or Study Session, a Flood Plain Public Hearing, and a Budget Committee Study Session; one Shady Cove Planning Commission meeting; one Central Point City Council Flood Plain Public Hearing; and one Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Plain Insurance Fair for Jackson County. Commented to BLM on Howard Prairie Cattle Grazing Allotment Lease Renewal with suggested changes to reduce cattle impact on water quality, and researched and endorsed a Riparian Restoration Project at Cantrall-Buckley Park that improves wade fishing access to one mile of Applegate River, removes blackberries, and plants riparian canopy trees, shrubs, and other vegetation to stabilize stream banks.	John Ward

Polly R's Fishing Technique

By Otis D. Swisher

Polly Rosborough's book TYING AND FISHING THE FUZZY NYMPHS is a classic. I have referred to it and its tying techniques many times. The second emphasis, "Fishing the Fuzzy Nymphs" has received less of my attention. I'll let some one more capable of critiquing the "Tying" part do that. Here, I'd like to critique the "Fishing" technique. To do so, I'll quote Polly himself.

"...during the hatch, the larger fish prefer nymphs, and most nymph patterns are deadliest when fished rather shallow." Reason?
"...nymphs come drifting (to the fish) on the current, and rise from under them, and are taken just below the surface."

This seems to contradict the commonly held notion that a nymph has to be rolled along the bottom of the river to be effective, doesn't it?

His Dark Stone, Polly "seldom fished more than a foot deep." His Little Brown stonefly nymph, is an "emergent pattern to be fished dead drift just under the top film." Polly fished his Dark Caddis Emergent "with a floating line, and all the leader should float except an 18-inch tippet." The Black Midge, Red Midge, and Tan Midge he fished "on a dead drift across and downstream."

He summarizes, his technique, several times throughout the book like this: "I fish both the nymph and the wet in the same manner: Cast directly across stream, allow to drift and sink a foot or more on a sink-tip line, and then start agitating the rod tip with very short, fast two-inch jerks." "Keep the rod tip up 30 degrees above horizontal and follow the line with the rod." "The nymph is worked constantly along the full arc of the drift."

I'd like to suggest to you readers that you may have books or articles which contain helpful hints and techniques which you could summarize and send to our Editor. Doing so will help you. It will help our Members. And, it will help supply our Newsletter Editor with interesting material.



Tips and Hints - Knots

Lee Wedberg

We sometimes ask, "Which is the best knot for..." tying on the fly, or leader to leader, or leader to line, or a loop on the end of a leader. With the array of materials available in fly shops these days, the best knot for one combination may not be the best for all combinations. For example, a loop tied at the butt end of a leader may not be the best knot for a loop at the distal end. Likewise, each angler's methods for tying knots might differ in some detail from another angler's methods, and that difference might make the difference so to speak. Here is how you can test for yourself which knots best serve your needs. Start with a foot or two of the leader material that you normally use, tie a hook on one end using one knot, such as Improved Clinch, and another identical hook to the other end, such as a Duncan's Loop or Uni Knot. Then pull the hooks with increasing tension until the leader breaks. Now, which knot broke? Repeat the test two or three times and you have your answer. Do similar tests with loop knots. Tie a Perfection Loop on one end, and Double Surgeon's Loop on the other, and pull the loops until one of them breaks. Bingo! The ultimate authority in such things is there in your hands before your eyes, rather than in a magazine article or book.

In most cases the knot is the weakest point in your terminal tackle system, however abrasion or casting knots can create a weakness between knots. Part of the reason for a knot being weakest occurs when the knot is tightened. This can be alleviated somewhat by carefully deliberately tightening a knot with lubricant such as saliva or water rather than tightening with no lubricant and especially if a sudden jerk is applied as a final step. The problem in that case is friction generated which heats and weakens the leader material. Also it is almost impossible to avoid one final problem, which is to pull a short segment of leader out of the knot (about a millimeter) as the knot is tightened. That strained short segment is weakened, although with Duncan's Loop it can be avoided.

Finally, leaders of different brands should not be tied one to another. Invariably one brand will be harder than another, and the hard one cuts the softer. So stick to one brand of material when building leaders. In a pinch, however, this problem can be diminished by using Uni Knots in place of Blood Knots, or by using a loop-to-loop system.

So Many Fish, So Little Time. - April

Last month's installment said, "the river is down and expected to remain that way for a while." HA! Expect again, brother. Which reminds me of a truism, to wit, everything we ASSUME makes an ASS of U and ME. Me in particular. Conditions really fell apart shortly after that was written. However, as this is written our weather appears to be headed for a break in the wind and rain, and a stretch of warm dry days may be in the offing. The March Browns might still be out and about so keep an eye out for surface action but remember that trout season closes April and May on the Rogue Also winter steelhead are in the river. Spawning fish should not be bothered, and wading through the redds is strictly ill-advised. Guilt feelings might be assuaged by being reminded that our runs of winter steelhead are strong. Check regulations.

Elsewhere, Expo Ponds have produced action lately and they were recently stocked with trout, so it might be fun to give that a try. Ponds, incidentally, can turn on quickly following unfavorable weather. Only one or two sunny warm days in the middle of otherwise foul wintry weather is enough to bring up pan fish.

NW Fly Tyers EXPO



Here are some club members at the recent NW Fly Tyers Expo. You all recognize Dan Kellogg hiding behind his lamp (sorry, Dan). In the back is Mike Barnum. Dan and Mike have opened their new online shop "Tyers Tool Shop". We wish them luck. The link to the shop is http://www.tyerstoolshop.com. Also shown is our always smiling Dick Bonamarte.



Another club member, and excellent tier, at his tying bench at the Expo is Dave Roberts, shown above.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ginger Allen of Ashland (541-488-6411) Mike Darck of Medford (541-890-3374) Dee Selby & Family of Medford (541-779-4625)

ROSTER CHANGES

New residence & phone for Jim & Aaron Harleman: 3436 Blueblossom Dr / Medford OR 97504.
Phone 541-858-7159.

SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 12, 2011. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724

This month's special demonstration tyer will be Paul Wolflick from Roseburg. Paul is a commercial tyer of considerable skill. He's able to carry on conversations while churning out one perfect fly after another.

Paul will teach us how to tie a simple, realistic, and effective Crawdad Fly. This fly is good for fishing for both trout and bass. We sometimes shy away from tying some of the more complicated patterns. Paul maintains that this pattern is quick and easy. There won't be a tie-along session, but Paul will distribute pattern sheets with a picture of the fly that you can use for note taking.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL-- Daren Roe, Roe Outfitters-- Fishing the Klamath Country Darren has been a hunting and fishing guide since 1984 and he has been centered in the Klamath Country since the mid 90s. We are fortunate to live close to the Klamath Country, containing some of the best trout fishing in North America. Williamson River rainbows can approach 30 inches and the big Browns in the Wood and Sprague rivers are legendary. Some of these fish are residents, while others migrate up from warming, shallow Klamath Lake as the summer progresses. Roe Outfitters fishes these streams, and Klamath Lake, and they float the Klamath River both upstream and downstream of John Boyle Dam. If you fish the Klamath Area you may learn some new techniques or places; if you haven't fished it, this is your introduction.

MAY -- Club Auction

JUNE-- Kennie Morrish, Fly Water Travel, Fisheries of Bristol Bay Alaska and the Potential Impacts of the Pebble Mine

JULY-- Club Picnic

AUGUST--Club Birthday

September--Charles Gehr, Spey Fishing Local Waters for Steelhead

October--Rick Hafele- Sometimes known as "Bug Man", Rick is a retired state entomologist, author and nymph angler. He will present one of several educational and often entertaining programs



March 2011

Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Black Drake Dun

Daiichi 1170, standard dry fly, size 10 -8.

Thread: 8-0 black.

Wing: Medium gray dun hen hackle tips.

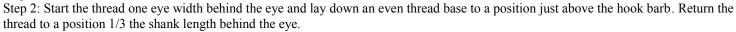
Tail: Dark dun hackle fibers. Rib: Gray tying thread.

Abdomen and thorax: Dark dun nylon yarn strand.

Hackle: Dark dun dry fly hackle feather.

Tying Instructions-

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.



Step 3: Select a matching pair of hen hackle tips, turn them back to back, and even the tip ends. Hold the feathers with your left hand with the tips pointing forward over the hook eye and measure one shank length. Switch the grip to your right hand and pull the fibers below the tie-in point on the center stem toward the rear exposing a bare area of stems. Switch hands again holding the butt fibers reward and lower the stems over the hanging thread at the wing position. Tie in on top of the hook shank and tie down the stems halfway back to the hook bend. Trim the butts.

Step 4: Select six stiff hackle fibers for the tail, measure them to one shank length, and tie them in on top of the hook shank. Trim the butts so they reach the wing butts and secure with thread wraps.

Step 5: Cut off a length of gray 3-0 thread and tie on in front of the tail for the rib.

Step 6: From the base of the wing to the base of the tail form a nicely tapered thread underbody ending the wraps at the base of the wing.

Step 7: Select a single strand of yarn, tie on top just behind the wing base and tie it down with spiral thread wraps along the top of the shank to the base of the tail. Advance the thread forward to the wing base. Wrap the yarn forward in touching turns to the wing, and take two turns of thread to hold the yarn in position.

Step 8: Pull the wings up and to the rear, perpendicular to the hook shank. With firm thread wraps in front of the wing base, post up the wings 90 degrees. Separate the wings and take a figure eight wrap between the wing stems.

Step 9: Take two more wraps of yarn in front of the wing, tie off and trim. Return the thread to just behind the wing.

Step 10: Wrap the gray thread rib forward in 5 even turns to the wing, tie off and trim.

Step 11: Select a correctly sized hackle feather, strip the fluff from the lower stem, and tie it on top of the hook shank just behind the wing with the stem butt lying between the wings. Advance the thread in front of the wing and tie down the hackle butt with a couple turns of

Step 12: Wrap the hackle in dry fly fashion forward 3 times behind the hook and 4 times in front. Tie off the hackle tip, trim, form a neat little head and cement.

When John Ward asked me to feature a Black Drake pattern for the April column, I had a multitude of patterns to choose from. That became a major problem for me. How do a pick a single pattern for the tiers and fishermen in the club who will be attending the outing to the Williamson in mid May, and of course want to catch their share of the trophy trout found there. After some intensive research and a lot of good advice from the expert anglers, I decided on the surest bet I could wager, the Black Drake Dun developed back in 1933 by the man who put the Williamson River on the map, Polly Rosborough. The fly was featured in his famous book, "Tying and Fishing The Fuzzy Nymphs" published in 1965.

The pattern is versatile in that if the full dry version is not successful, all you have to do is trim off the hackle fibers even with the bottom of the hook shank, and you have the spinner version. He advises to fish the hatch top to bottom, changing the fly version often, until you reach the feeding zone. So I would tie and take along the nymph also. Polly ends the Black Drake section with these convincing words. "It is a fact that the entire series of this drake, nymph, dun, spinner and spent, should be illegal in the hands of our top fly casters, that is unless they were restricted to full barbless hooks. They are that good".

Tving Tips:

By adding a small ball of thread just ahead of the tail tie-in position, the tail fibers will naturally splay and stay when tied down. The reason for using hen neck hackle tips is because the tips are rounded for a natural look. The body color was the hardest to find a match to the natural and Polly's original pattern. I found that with a little color adjustment golden brown yarn worked best. After winding the body you can darken the top half with a dark gray and dark wine permanent maker to achieve the proper natural coloration. The hatch normally lasts about 3-4 weeks and I hope you have a chance to experience it. So tie some up, give them a test flight and let me know how you do.

Tie One On.

20 STRONG

Mike Masters

The morning started out promising, just a mist in the air, the coffee already to go, and the truck loaded. Thankfully it was not raining. My arsenal was full of every Steelhead hunting weapon I own. At 0600, I headed to our rendezvous at Cantrell Buckley Park. This is the setting for our assembly and then venture on the Applegate River. The fish warriors started arriving just before 0800, just in time to share in the Coffee and Donuts. Gary Graham set out the mission and knowledge of his previous escapades in this territory.

As we gathered and ate our fill, some strategized, some reflected on their tall tales, and others like me pondered "How to find the Magic". What will it take to find the elusive river torpedoes? I believe we eventually tried all methods known to man while trying to fool the big fish of the Applegate. Our mission was to attack the river from all sides, upstream to downstream. Then we would regroup at the park for lunch of brats, hot dogs, and John Wards famous Chili. Once again John out did himself. The Chili warmed our insides, as we had all experienced cold weather, rain, and sleet, snow flurries, and even a hint of blue sky on this brisk day. The water temp was in the very low 40's. As it turned out at our lunch sharing, no Steelies were found at the end of a line for any of the 20 Strong. Finding these fish can sometimes be frustrating. The Steelhead had no casualties in this morning onslaught.

We took our frustrations out on the Brats and Chili, my truck was much lighter on the way home. There was nothing left on the table, we devoured it all in short order.

With a revitalized energy boost we set out for the afternoon to attempt to conquer the Fish Gods. As of this writing and the reports from the field officers on the river, we were once again "Schooled" by the stealth of these wonderful fish. The score seems to be RFF-0 Steelhead -20



One member did report in with an encounter with the wonderful So. Oregon plant called Poison Oak. That seems to be our lone casuality for this outing.

Being a competitor, I'll host this outing again next year and prepare better for the battle at hand. Thanks to the Men of the RFF for making my day.



Not to worry - for now, anyway.

Lee Wedberg

The thought may have occurred to salmon and steelhead anglers on the Rogue that some of our fish might be carrying loads of radioactivity owing to their migration through northern Japanese waters where they are having such terrible problems these days. According to Dan van Dyke at O.D.F.W., there is little basis for concern this year. Fish that pass through those waters may incorporate radioactive elements into their tissues, especially because they are at the top of the food chain. But there is no reason for concern regarding Rogue fishes just now for several reasons. First, fish arriving in our river this spring and summer will have already departed the polluted water long ago in order to reach Oregon's coast in time for this year's migration. Second, salmon and steelhead that swim up the Rogue normally do not migrate through the northwest Pacific and Japanese waters. And third, the professionals are aware of the problem and if tainted fish appear off our coast we will hear about it. So, at least for this year, not to worry.

The Other Left

By Otis D. Swisher

When some one says "on the left" and you absent-mindedly look to the right, and he says to you "I meant, the other left", did you get mad at him for giving you the wrong directions? I hope not.

I have thought for some time it might be helpful if we standardized what "left" and "right" mean when it comes to telling someone which side of the river we are talking about.

It is very simple, really. If we say "river left" we really mean "the river's left". That is, "the left side of the flow of the water".

So, if you are looking downstream, river "left" is the left bank as you see it...off left of the river's flow.

And, if you are looking upstream the river's bank on its left is "river left". Not on YOUR left as you stare UP-stream, but on your right which is river "left".

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