

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

Jeff Perin



Jeff has been guiding and working in the fly shop for 31 seasons, 26 as owner of the Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters, OR.

He has focused his career on Spring Creeks and Lakes where he enjoys the challenges of the daily cat & mouse game with picky trout.

Jeff will be doing a presentation on fishing techniques for the 7 best fly fishing lakes in Central Oregon. He will discuss his favorite techniques and areas to go use them.

When not on the water, he is out on the trails with his wife Tina and 3 crazy dogs chasing squirrels.

President's Message

With the water so high on the river, most of us are looking for alternatives for fishing. Some of the lower lakes and ponds are starting to wake up. I have the shack nasties and want to get out, but I leave Tues the 4th for Salt Lake City for another fly fishing show. When I get back I think I'm going to visit John Kreft, the speaker at last month's meeting, and fish the Metolious with him!

OK, back to business. There was a three club get together at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass last weekend. Two weeks beforehand, the fairgrounds manager contacted me to see if I could get some fly tyers together for the outdoor show they wanted to try including with the home show they were having 4/2 & 4/3. I was able to round up tyers from Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Southern Oregon Fly Tyers and Rogue Fly Fishers to represent their clubs and demonstrate fly tying. We were able to present our "product", fly fishing and fly tying, to a group of people who wouldn't normally go to a fly fishing or fishing show. I think most of us were able to hand out membership forms to interested people and even sign up a few new members. We really had a lot of fun and the people attending the show seemed really excited about what we were doing. We were able to refer the attendees to the club closest to where they live, but reminded them that some of us belong to all three because you learn more with more information, involvement and fishing opportunities. I think it was an excellent opportunity for all three clubs to work together.

For my first time as President of anything, I am extremely lucky to have inherited an outstanding, hard-working Board of Directors and Volunteers. I really want to see this club move forward, so, I am open to any and all suggestions from all members on anything. My email address is: oretroutbum2@gmail.com. Plans for the Auction are moving along well.

See you at the next meeting! David Roberts

JET BOAT PETITION

The Comment Period closed on March 31st, and we are very pleased with the large number of thoughtful and supportive letters that the Marine Board received, both from club members and from people and organizations outside the club. We have copies of some but not nearly all of them. The petition will be on the MB's agenda for its next meeting on April 19th, and we fully expect it will be accepted and go into the rule making phase, followed by another comment period and public hearing, presumably in Medford.

In the meantime it would be helpful if you provided us with a copy of your letter. Not to be critiqued in any way, but for additional ideas as we prepare for the hearing. If you have not already done so, of course. If you want anonymity, just blot out your name and mail a copy to the RFF mail box: POB 4637, Medford OR 97501. Otherwise, just attach it to a reply email.

Great job! Thank you all!

Jon Iverson ph 541-292-1871

An Introduction To The Art, Science and Joy of Fly Fishing

In this one day class for beginners and novices you will learn everything you need to get started fishing the Rogue for steel head and trout. The class will cover wading equipment, rods, reels, lines, leaders and flies. Basic knots will be taught and there will be a section on entomology, aquatic insects, and the flies that imitate them. The final lesson will be on presenting the fly and casting. If you have a rod, reel and line, bring it but do not go out and buy one for the class. We will cover what rod to buy in the class. The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you will need one. Each year in late May and early June, a large stone fly hatch occurs in the upper Rogue River above Shady Cove. The class will cover how to fish this hatch. We will also pick an evening to visit the "Holy Water" and cast our stone flies over feeding rainbows.

You must be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto.

The class will be held on April 15th from 9am to 3:30pm at the club house for the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill. Traveling North on I-5 take Exit 40 at Gold Hill and proceed South on the Old Stage Road towards Jacksonville, the park is well identified on the right.

John MacDiarmid, a FFF Certified Casting Instructor, is the class instructor. Email him at johnmmacdmid@gmail.com to register for the class. There will be a limit of 12 students, **you must be pre registered to attend**. Folks that signed up at the RFF beginning fly tying class are already registered, you will be contacted by John.

Open Summer Casting

So, how well do you cast? Would you like to add accuracy ,distance, accuracy with distance, ability to cast in the wind? Do you employ slack line cast such as the reach mend, puddle cast, parachute cast?. Nymph and indicator anglers, want to cast so your nymph will sink quicker and get in front of the fish sooner? Can you stack mend for a longer drag free drift? When you fish late in the evening on a lake and there is no wind, can you float the fly and line down for a soft presentation? Are you ready for the double haul? We can tell you and show you how if you want to learn. Perhaps you are satisfied with your casting and would like to just come out and practice with some like minded anglers. The club will be sponsoring open casting thru the summer at the Hedrick Middle School athletic field on Monday evenings at 6. Our first session will be on May 8 and the last one will be on August 7. John MacDiarmid is an International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor, Otis Swisher, a long time casting teacher and Bob Pierce, an expert cater and teacher will be at Hedrick waiting for you! Come on out.

2017 Fly Fishing Film Tour

This April The Ashland Fly Shop is proud to be hosting the 2017 Fly Fishing Film Tour in downtown Medford! This is a critically acclaimed collection of fly fishing films from around the world assembled for one awesome night of viewing! This is something we have wanted to host for years! We have a wonderful venue selected in Medford's new Common Block Brewing Co. It is located right next to the new Lithia building downtown. Tickets are available for \$15 at Ashland Fly Shop, Rogue Valley Angler in Medford as well as the Rogue Fly Shop in Grants Pass and also on line for \$17 at www.ashlandflyshop.com. Hope to see you there!

2017 Fly Fishing Film Tour Wednesday, April 26 doors 7 | show 8 Common Block Brewing Co. 315 E 5th St, Medford, OR 97501 (541) 326-2277

From F3T:

"2017 marks The F3T's 11th annual adventure with more than 150 screenings across the U.S. This year's lineup of films is our finest yet. From Siberia to Idaho, Mexico, Florida, Kamchatka, Alaska, Montana and more, the notable characters, unique storylines and unparalleled fishing in these films will lead you on an adventure around the globe!"



Upper Williamson River - June 2 to 5

Clear cold spring-fed Upper Williamson offers bank or wade fishing thru lush green public meadows, Big fish honors last year came on a mosquito fished dry but parachute Adams, Royal Wulff and a big grey Ant also took nice fish. Outing is shifted 2 weeks earlier than last year to match likely **Black Drake Blizzard** hatch.

If you plan to stay overnight, come prepared. It's rustic: no toilets, no drinking water, no cell phones, maybe a rain shower. But you have some of the greatest guys & gals with fun, friendship, and a welcoming Dutch Oven. Maybe a few mosquitos. Call John Ward (541) 884-2015 or Gary Graham (541) 512-1821 for meet-up details.

A Good Opportunity for Some Community Service

Bear Creek Stewardship

Earth Day April 22, 2017

Check-in 8:30-9:00 am Clean up: 9:00 – 12:00

Registration & Check-in:

There are five check in/out booth locations where participants can turn in waiver forms and get clean up supplies and materials, and turn in clean up items when they are done for the day.

- 1. South side of the intersection of McAndrews Road and the Bear Creek Greenway. Parking available at the Rogue Valley Mall north side of McAndrews Road.
- 2. Alba Drive (near Dairy Queen and the intersection of Barnett Road) at the entrance to the Bear Creek Greenway. Parking available at the Little League fields on Alba Drive.
- 3. Coyote Trails Nature Center Solar Pavilion, parking available across Bear Creek at the U.S. Cellular Community Park Baseball Fields.
- 4. Hawthorne Park near the Bear Creek Greenway, parking available off of Main Street in the parking lot.
- 5. Blue Heron Park in Phoenix, parking available at Blue Heron Park.

See the maps below for parking and meeting locations.

Time: Check-in 8:30-9:00 AM. Clean Up 9:00 to 12:00 PM

Participants should return tools and equipment to the check-in booths where they started.

Safety issues:

Steep Slopes, Water Body on Site, Hazardous Materials/Needles, Poison Oak, Uneven or Slippery Ground

How to Dress and the right Footwear:

Sturdy shoes, closed toe water shoes, hiking boots, rubber boots that allow both walking and potentially wading into muddy or calm water areas.

Temperature varies during spring mornings: suggest wearing layers, with long pants to prevent abrasions and long sleeve light shirt to protect from plants and sunshine. Something warmer on top of your long sleeve shirt until the sun warms the air.

Maybe a light daypack for carrying water bottle, personal items needed during three hour morning. Minimum age:

8 years old, accompanied by adult.

Tools:

All clean up tools will be provided: gloves, bags, buckets, pick-up devices. These items need to be returned to the registration/check-in booths by 12 noon.

Refreshments:

Snacks and beverages will be provided at the registration/check-in booths for all participants.

Remembering Mike Ireland



Mike relaxing after a day of fishing in Campeche, MX

In early March, Mike Ireland, the 21st president of the Rogue Flyfishers, passed away at age 65. He had fought a long and hard battle against cancer, but to no avail. Through it all, Mike remained himself, outgoing, friendly and upbeat and his passing is a loss to all of us who knew him.

Mike is survived by his wife of over 30 years, Theresa, and two daughters, Melissa and Michelle. He also had a son from a previous marriage who lives in Texas. Between his children, there are, at last count, 7 grandchildren.

In 2006, the club newsletter reprinted an article that Mike had written for a 2000 newsletter, <u>Memories on the Metolius</u>. Along with the article, he submitted a short autobiography and the following are Mike's own words.

"I started fly-fishing and fly tying about thirty years ago. I had never met a fly tier or fly fisherman in my life, so it was pure luck that I discovered such a wonderful new sport! My tying specialty is Spey flies and full dressed Atlantic salmon flies of my own design. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn. I have tied at several west coast shows and sell my flies and exotic feathers on the side.

My other hobbies are playing Texas Hold-poker and I play several hours a day online. Another passion is playing guitar and I'm a big blues fan. I currently own nine guitars and they are just like fly rods as you can never have enough.

I am also a motor sports fan and started racing quarter midgets at age thirteen, then motorcycles and then go-karts where I won two state championships and several track championships. But, racing is expensive and so is raising children, so you can guess why I don't race anymore.

The sunshine in my later years has been the Rogue Flyfishers club and the wonderful friends I've met. Being on the club Board and serving as president has been on eof the highlights of my lif and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm taking some much needed time off from the board, but have every intension of coming back after soma rest and recreation"

Unfortunately for the club, Mike did not come back. In fact, he gave up fly-fishing and fly tying entirely as a result of two events in his life. The first and foremost was the death of his best friend and fishing partner, Bob Quigley. Mike told me that when Bob passed, he just simply lost his desire to fish and tie and that he was trying to sell all his equipment. The other was the rediscovery of an old love: motorcycles. Mike had purchased a Harley Sportster and all his extra time and money was going to customize his "bike". He had found a group of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts and was enjoying the road trips and rallies.

Although Mike's time with the club only spanned approximately eight years, they were productive and eventful years and he was a big part of the success that the club enjoyed.

When I came on board and became president in 1999, Mike had already served one year as a board member. He would go on to serve as vice-president under Bill Rittenhouse for two years, serve as president for two years and do a final year as past president.

I remember meeting Mike for the first time at my first board meeting and instantly taking a liking to him. He was so enthusiastic, friendly and eager to contribute that it was infectious. Having already become an accomplished fly tier and having met so many people at the various shows, Mike volunteered to secure and coordinate the monthly speakers for the club meeting. He did that task for several years and he brought many well- known and interesting presenters to the club.

During several of those years, he also taught fly tying classes for Medford Parks and Recreations and, through those classes, brought a constant stream of new members into the club. Mike is also responsible for the club patch we use today. Working with his friend, Bob Meisner, the board was presented with several patch designs from which to choose and the one chosen is the one that I believe will last for many years to come.

During his time on the board and as president, Mike, along with his friend Bob Quigley, organized four major saltwater fishing trips and I was pleased to go on all of them. There were two trips to the East Cape of Baja, one to Belize and one to Campeche, Mexico.

It is said that if you really want to get to know a person, go fishing with them. On two of the trips, Mike and I were roommates and fishing partners and that is where I really got to know and appreciate Mike.

He was a great story teller and I learned about his childhood where he spent an early part of his life in Eureka, CA, being there when the big tsunami hit in the 60's. We talked about his high school years in the Rogue Valley, his teachers and his adventures and mis-adventures as a teenager. He entertained me with stories of his living in Haight-Ashbury during the "flower child" years. I also learned that he made his living as a professional artist (painting signs) and being a tattoo artist until he was involved in an accident that injured his back and ended his working career. He shared the event that lead him to fly fishing and tying and his fishing adventures in the Willamette Valley (Salem area) until his move back to the Rogue Valley in the late 90's. Perhaps the most touching story of all was the one involving his search for, finding and then meeting his biological father in Texas who he had never known. His father passed away a short time later.

It is really impossible to tell Mikes life story in a short article because Mike Ireland was truly a unique individual who, I believe, never knew a stranger. He lived an interesting, but all too short life, but he will long be remembered and missed.



Mike with a Klamath Lake Mullet



Atlantic Salmon fly designed and tied by Mike

To all RFF members:

On May 24, 2017, your RFF will hold its annual Fundraising Auction. This auction will be held at Padgham Pavilion at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. This location will be the best location we have ever been able to hold this important event. We have seats for 160 participants and a large area to display and hold the dinner and auction.

To date we only have 43 folks signed up to attend this important 2017 RFF fundraising event. Thank you to those which have signed up and we strongly encourage all members to register to attend. We also request each member to be sure and bring 2-4 guests.

As y'all know the funds raised from this auction provides the funding for our numerous conservation projects, education and teaching seminars and Biology Scholarships.

If you can support this event in any way, we all benefit as well as our Rogue region.

Please get your reservations now and work to secure another 2-4 participants. It will be an enjoyable evening.

Email either Mike Masters at mmasters2243@charter.net or call 541-261-2243 or

Don Dabney at drdabney49@gmail.com or call 541-855-9394

Thank you for your total Support

Dave Roberts – President Mike Masters – Auction Chairman Don Dabney – Procurement Chairman

ORAL AUCTION ITEM COMING ON MAY 24, 2017



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Sprague River Fishing Closed until April 21, 2017

The main stem Sprague River, including North Fork and South Fork, were closed to all fishing Jan. 23, 2017 and will reopen April 22, 2017. This closure **IS NOT** printed for Sprague River on page 63 of the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation. ODFW announced the emergency regulation in order to protect spawning red-band trout from stress and mortality associated with fishing pressure and handling.

Red-band trout spawning in Sprague River spend most of their lives in Upper Klamath Lake, and in fall move into the river up to 90 miles (one way) to spawn. The fish later return to the lake to access better and more diverse food sources.

Sprague River formerly closed after October 31 to protect spawning fish. ODFW increased fishing opportunity by opening Sprague River year-round in 2014.

MEMORIES ON THE METOLIUS

Mike Ireland

It was an hour before dark on an early summer day and I was standing thigh deep in water about 20 feet from the bank. It was the kind of evening that no matter how hard you tried to concentrate on the fishing, the water's song, the pine scent in the air and the gorgeous scenery just kept sidetracking your concentration, but very pleasantly so!

I was fishing the upper river of the Metolius between Lake Creek and the store and I'd been there a few days. For two or three years I'd gotten pretty familiar with this lovely place and although the majority of the big fish are caught down river, the upper stretch is a more relaxed, almost spiritual setting. You can feel it in the air and you can see it in the faces of the people you meet. It is a special place.

The river temperature is at 52 degrees almost year around and it's the Las Vegas buffet of aquatic insects. I mean this river has life! I once spent two and a half weeks there with a photographer just shooting pictures of insects for a book. The Hydropsyche caddis hatches were dwindling down but the streamside foliage still held lots of adults. From about 6 p.m. that evening on, the females were ovipositing and I'd hit everything just right. These caddis land on the water and then swim to the bottom, lay their eggs, and then swim to the surface and fly off to die a few days later. I was fishing old style wet flies with duck quill wings tied over the body and the fishing was hot! But still I kept admiring my surroundings and I noticed another person fishing on the other side of the river, downstream, 50 yards or so. I kept fishing and watching the other angler make three or four casts, then move upriver and do it over again. Then I noticed that the angler was a female, and she had only one arm! I got out of the river and walked half way across the bridge to her and stopped for a moment. This was heavy duty to me, as I watched her I got a lump in my throat. You see, I never got to teach my father to flyfish because he passed away about five years before this - and I'd always thought he couldn't have because his right arm was paralyzed from a stroke for his last seventeen years. So seeing this woman with one arm, fishing on my favorite river, was like visiting again with my dad and I needed it. It had been a long five years.

I watched as she fished. She had an old Perrine automatic reel but she had it under complete control. She literally didn't have a right arm at all but she could hold the fly rod, not the cork, but the rod itself, in her right armpit. Then she'd strip off three big coils of line and hold them in her mouth, and then she would cast with her left arm and on each false cast she let out another coil and then float her final cast out as pretty and graceful as can be. She had the line pinched with her index finger against the cork and her little finger on the reel lever to control her retrieve as she mended, roll cast and did one fine job of it. As she approached me I said "hello, what a wonderful night for fishing" and she said "it sure is." And wanting to strike up a conversation I asked how many fish she caught and she said "not a rise." She showed me her fly boxes and I said, "well try these!" I tied a size 14 light hares ear downwing wet fly on her tippet and explained how I was fishing it. She stripped off her three coils and put the fly, after mending the line, right where she should have and WHAMO, fish on! She was tickled, but not as much as I. I told her about my father and how thrilled and amazed I was about our meeting like this.

And as time slipped by and we talked, I bet I gave her half of my eight fly boxes of flies. She said her name was Marge Martin and she and her husband had been fishing these waters for years and that they always stayed at Ford's cabins right on the banks of the river, just downstream from where we were standing. She then made me a standing offer of a martini, after the day's fishing anytime I wanted to stop by ...

Sometimes the people we meet flyfishing are a bigger catch than any fish. I still read the last letter she wrote me and I will never forget Marge Martin and that day on the Metolius twenty years ago.

Dick's/Field and Stream Event

On March 19, 2017, the Rogue Flyfishers Fly Tiers, our Fly Casting expert and the auction procurement team represented our RFF group at an event at Dicks/Field and Stream in Medford. John MacDiarmid did a great job teaching Fly Casting. Dave Roberts, Chuck Huntington, Steve Ostrander, Stephanie Sproul and Dan Kellogg did an excellent job representing the RFF demonstrating their Fly Tying Skills and promoting the RFF. Mike Masters, Michael Smith, Greg Hart and Don Dabney worked diligently to tell the RFF story, sign up new members and promote the May 24, 2017 RFF Fundraising Auction.

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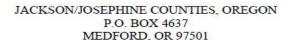
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Rogue Fly Fishers membership Application and membership Renewal Form

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.

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 __?

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