

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

Fly Tyers Night



This month's program will feature members of the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers (SOFT). SOFT club is made up of member tyers from Medford, Grants Pass, Northern California and Roseburg. There are tyers of all levels of skill. It includes hobbyist as well as commercial tyers. Both men and women are involved. displaying the art and practical fishing side of fly tying. Sharing the art with any who choose to learn.

President's Message

To start this message, letter or story (or all of the above), I want to thank each and every person who came to the meeting last month! What a great turnout! I am so happy to see so many new members and guests coming and hope to see you all again. I would like to hear from you and know why you joined or visited. The Board and I would like to know what you want out of this club. For instance, are you an old timer to the sport and new to the area and need some fishing partners? Or are you new to the sport and want casting help, help in tying knots, want to learn what bugs are out there and do you need to know Latin to find out (I've actually been asked that!)? Are you newly retired and wonder if you're too old to learn to tie flies (of course not!)? This applies to all members, if you want anything, let us know. If we can help you with something, please let us know.

I have to say, I'm sorry for not writing an article every month, but I'm just not a writer. I feel that I don't have anything to write about. But now that I'm getting more fishing in, I have more time to think. I heard a fellow flyfisher say the other day that fishing was terrible. He only saw two fish rise and caught them both, but nothing else. This isn't the first time I've heard that. Think about this... If fishing is slow, look around at the wildlife and what is going on. I've watched an American Dipper on the rocks going in and out of the water, a belted king fisher who had just caught a small fish took to it's young (a first for me!) I have watched two mink playing and hunting. Catching was very slow that day, but the fishing and the day on the water was outstanding!

David

NEW Club Members

We would like to recognize and welcome the following **new** members who joined in March:

John & Laura Jorgenson, and their son Hunter Boyd Kramer Michael Tauber

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 <u>www.rogueflyfishers.org</u>, 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.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday April 18, 2018 at

Centennial Golf Club 1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:45 – 6:45 pm Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm Raffle to follow Program 7:45 – 8:45

BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person

Menu:

Chicken Fettuccini w/ Marinara Sauce & Alfredo Sauce, Roasted Vegetables, Salad & Garlic bread

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday preceding the meeting. Please email your RSVP to <u>icrsrd303@gmail.com</u> (give your name and how many for dinner)

> For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 <u>afternoons only</u>. Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Theresa at <u>tms1910@icloud.com</u> or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

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September Barbecue

Save the date : September 8th the club will be having a family barbecue and activity day at TouVille State Park. We're planning on having a Steelhead clinic by David Haight, casting lessons both Spey and one hand , fly tying demos and lessons for all levels, and of course a great grill by Steve Day. More info to follow as it gets closer. Keith Hardcastle

Club Member Walt Haines.. what a story to tell

Long time club member Walt Haines went through hell during World War II. You can read his story at the following link:

http://www.mailtribune.com/news/20180318/medford-man-recalls-years-in-japanese-pow-camp

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.

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 May 12 from 9 to 3:30 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 Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor will be 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.

Outing to Squaw Lakes

The Rogue Flyfishers will try a new destination for our April outing—Squaw Lakes. For those who are not familiar, Squaw Lakes are two small lakes in beautiful setting among the Siskiyou Mountains just east of Applegate Reservoir. Both lakes have good populations of cutthroat trout, largemouth bass, crappie, and other warmwater gamefish. Lower Squaw Lake is the larger of the two and is over 100 feet deep. Upper Squaw Lake is relatively small, but still over 50 feet deep. Both lakes have primitive Forest Service facilities and camping sites that allow only walk-in access.

The outing will be held on Saturday April 14, and we will meet at 9:00 AM on the south shore of the lower lake (the shore closest to the road and parking area). To reach the lakes, take Applegate Road up to Applegate Reservoir, cross over Applegate Dam, and follow the road up Squaw Creek to the lakes. The road will turn to gravel after a couple of miles. It is about seven miles from Applegate Dam to the lakes. There will be signs identifying the parking area for Lower Squaw Lake. Road access ends at a gate adjacent to Upper Squaw Lake. There is a \$5.00 day-use fee that may or may not be collected when we will be there, so if you have a federal pass, bring it.

There is no vehicle access to either lake, so you will have to carry your gear 0.2 miles from the parking area to the lake. Consequently, you can only use float tubes or small boats you can carry. Those needing some help to get gear to the lake can show up a little early, and we will help haul items to the lake. For those who don't want to bring a floating device, there is plenty of good bank access; however, having a boat or float tube will likely make it easier to find fish.

The usual stillwater techniques will work at Squaw Lakes. Trout can be caught by casting and stripping or trolling woolly buggers or nymphs, or by suspending midge patterns below a strike indicator. The bass and other warmwater species can be targeted by casting woolly buggers or nymphs to structure. Five to six-weight rods should be adequate to target anything in the lakes. Intermediate or slow-sinking lines will probably be the most useful, but bring a floating and a fast-sinking line as well. Besides your usual lake fishing gear, be sure to bring food and water. Since it will be early spring, bring your hat and sunscreen and your raingear, so you will be prepared for any type of weather.

If you have never fished these picturesque lakes, come give them a try. Even if you have, come enjoy a pleasant spring day on the lake with your fellow club members.

David Haight, Outing Chair

Carolyn Wedberg

Carolyn Wedberg, wife of RFF past president and long-time friend, Lee Wedberg, passed away on February 26th after a short illness. She grew up on a farm in Illinois and settled in San Diego, where she and Lee met in 1971. They were married in 1972, each having two boys by prior marriage. They moved to the Medford area in 1981, where they have lived since. We who knew them both will all agree that Carolyn was a wonderful person and that they had an especially good marriage. She will continue to be missed. Our deepest sympathies are with you, Lee.

RFF Board of Directors

Janet Jamison Corson Memorial

The wife of club member Dr. John Corson passed away January 26, 2018. There is a memorial planned for May 12. Details can be found at the following link: http://mailtribune.com/obituaries/20180325/janet-jamison-corson

Where Does Our Money Go?

Throughout the year, the club makes donations to various causes and advocacy groups who strive to help with the conservation, preservation, protection, education and enhancement of our natural resources and fishing conditions in the Rogue Valley. Afterall, that is our motto. The Board Members believe the Club Members should know where our money is going and each month we will try to keep you updated as they occur.

The following is a list of those groups that we have donated to last year on behalf of the club:

Oregon State University – (2) \$1,500 scholarships Rogue River Watershed Council - \$1,500 (conservation/preservation) Premium Aquarium - \$1,108 (education: fish egg hatching project in schools) Northwest Environmental Advocates - \$1,000 (Medford Water Outfall Report) Oregon Stewardship - \$750 (riparian work) Rogue Riverkeeper - \$500 (No LNG pipeline) Department of Fish & Wildlife – \$400 (creel signs and tagging project at the Holy Water) Friends of Wagner Creek - \$350 (conservation: trail sign) Lions Site & Hearing Center - \$240 (location of board meetings) Waterwatch - \$50 monthly

Here is what we have donated to so far this year:

Rogue River Watershed - \$1,000 Lions Site & Hearing Center - \$240 Waterwatch - \$50 monthly Oregon State University – (The board will be voting this month on two candidates for scholarships and making a donation of \$3,000.)

It's important to note that your annual dues only cover our basic operating costs such as printing, postage, newsletters, badges, and P.O. box rental. Your fee for dinner is our cost for dinners and the club makes no profit from it. Very little, if any, profit is gained from the monthly raffles. This is why the annual auction is so vital to our club. It helps bring in much needed money to fund these various causes that we, as a club, stand for and want to support.

The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. We are open to your suggestions if you would like to bring your ideas or comments to the table.

Your Treasurer, Theresa Schumacher

RFF Auction 2018

Get your \$25 Dinner / Auction entry by emailing Mike Masters at <u>Mmasters2243@charter.net</u> and then mail check made out to RFF to:

Mike Masters 2591 Savannah Dr, Central Point, OR 97502

Look at what you will find:

- 1. Dick Bonamarte Commemorative Fly Plate Custom made by Dan Kellogg
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- 5. Upper Rogue Drift Trips by various club members
- 6. Stillwater fishing trips by various members
- 7. Fish the Owyhee River for 3 days with Charter Member Clint Brumitt
- 8. Bruce Howell Bamboo Fly Rods
- 9. Sawyer Oars
- 10. Otis Swisher's Favorite Scott 3 wt Fly Rod and one of his Notebooks
- 11. Keith Hardcastle's Custom & Handcrafted Landing Net
- 12. Many, many more items
- 13. Plus

2 Original Club Patches from the 1970's

RFF AUCTION AGENDA

MAY 16, 2018

4:30 - DOORS OPEN & SILENT AUCTION & BUCKET RAFFLE BEGIN

5:45 – SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

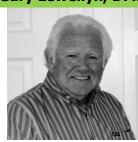
6:00 – BUCKET RAFFLE CLOSES

6:10 – DINNER BUFFET BEGINS

7:00 – STEELIE 50/50 RAFFLE BEGINS

7:15 - 8:45 LIVE AUCTION

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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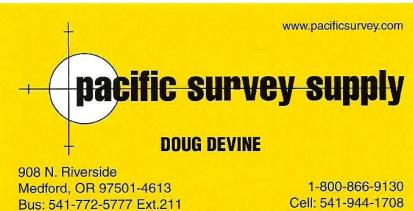
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Rogue Fly Fishers membership Application and membership Renewal Form

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; <u>new</u> 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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List Family Member's Names	
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