



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 Tyer's Night



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM STEVE DAY

Last month I had a great time providing the Stillwaters presentation to the Club. It's my hope that you all enjoyed it and be certain that I'm open and receptive to questions, comments or anything I can do to help with your Stillwater experiences. During the presentation, I spoke about always having a "Plan B". Well, this is one of those times where a "Plan B" is needed. In this case, Mother Nature threw a curve and caused us to cancel the Stillwater Clinic scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. So, what is Plan B?

Before I discuss "Plan B", I want to express my gratitude and thanks to all of you that give of yourselves to benefit others. We as a Club are very fortunate to have many members who are dedicated to various aspects of what we do. The Stillwater Clinic and the "Raffle A Fisherman" ideas came about as the result of some of these Club Members wanting to share their knowledge and skills with anyone wishing to learn, improve their knowledge, improve their fly fishing success and have a great time.

I read a quote a few days ago that was similar to but most likely, a misquote from the Artist Pablo Picasso. It read, "Your goal in life is to find your gift. Your purpose in life is to share it." Regardless if it was a misquote, I found it to be profound. All of us that dedicate ourselves to something are fulfilling that purpose.

You might ask, what does this have to do with "Plan B?" Well, "Plan B" involves people. People who have a purpose and are willing to share. Two of these giving individuals are Keith Hardcastle and Rex Thompson. Both of these gentlemen agreed to help me with the Stillwater Clinic. When the Clinic cancelled, I had a conversation with these guys and we came up with "Plan B". As I write this, a date has yet to be determined as April looks to be a bust, May is a busy month with our Annual Fundraising Auction and given this winter, who knows when ice will give up its grip on the country. We did however agree, that a great venue for the Clinic would be at Diamond Lake early in the season. During early summer the fish at Diamond are well distributed throughout the Lake, usually hungry and easily accessible to both boating anglers and those using personal watercraft. So, we wait for ice out and then we will announce a date. I for one, am looking forward to it.

While we wait, make sure you don't miss out on this month's Dinner Meeting. At this Meeting we highlight the fly tiers. Numerous tiers will be demonstrating their skills, teaching and providing an opportunity for everyone to watch and learn. We are also trying out a new Meeting format for this evening that I call a "Bistro Affair". We will have regular seating for 30 folks and then multiple high bistro tables for Members to use for food and drinks. This will allow members to freely move about the room and observe the tiers without the congestion that we normally face on the fly tiers night. Should be a great time, hope to see you all there.

"I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result of someone taking me fishing"

## **Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting**

The next club meeting is Wednesday April 17th 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

### **“IT’S A BISTRO NIGHT!”**

Tri-Tip Skewers  
Pulled Pork Sliders  
Peeled Shrimp w/ Cocktail Sauce  
Meat & Cheese Platter w/ Crackers  
Meatballs, Sweet & Sour & BBQ  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
Spanakopita Pastries w/ Artichoke Dip Filling

#### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) (give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

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# Just Drifting Down the River

## 2019 Rogue Fly Fishers Auction & Dinner

When: Saturday May 18, 2019

Where: Centennial Golf Club

Dinner menu: Roasted tri-tip and chicken quarters, potatoes, vegetables, house salad, rolls and desert

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person

Our main auction item this year is a new Clackacraft Drift Boat and Trailer but look at some these other items:

- Stillwater fishing trips with Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle
- Float trips with Dave Haight, John Pogue and others
- More float trips with Alex and Logan of Rogue Valley Anglers
- Overnight lodging at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge
- Hand tied flies from Jack Patterson, Dave McCants and others
- Fly rods from TFO, Orvis, Scott, Reddington and others
- Fly reels from Hatch, Ross, Orvis and others
- Custom oars from Sawyer Paddles and Oars
- Fly tying equipment and material galore
- Restaurant gift cards, golf packages, wine baskets

Plus much, much, more including another Rocking Trout!

Email Tim Bolling at [timbolling328@gmail.com](mailto:timbolling328@gmail.com) with reservations and then mail at check made out to Rogue Flyfishers at PO Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501. All those who reserve a place and pay by 4/6 will be entered into a special Early Bird Drawing for a TFO rod and reel.

**Seating is limited so get your reservations in soon!**



# Ramblings of a Fly Tyer

## Gray Hackle Yellow



This month's fly is an old American wet fly. The Gray Hackle Yellow is one in a series of 23 flies by James Leisenring (1878-1951), a professional tier from Pennsylvania. He co-authored "The Art of Tying the Wet Fly and Fishing the Flymph" with Vernon S. Hidy. He experimented considerably in the field of nymphs and nymph fishing, non-weighted or lightly weighted, and originated the "Leisenring Lift" style of nymph fishing. Let's get started.

**Hook:** Daiichi 1550-1560; Mustad 3399A (these you will have to hunt for, but I have fun collecting), or your favorite hook brand, heavy wire wet fly style, sizes 2-14.

**Thread:** Yellow & Black 16/0 thru 8/0 ( I use yellow throughout and use either black lacquer or black pantone marker to color the yellow, when needed )

**Tag:** ( Optional ) Gold oval to match hook size

**Tail:** Red hackle fibers or red goose shoulder

**Body:** Yellow floss or wool

**Hackle:** Grizzly hen hackle

This pattern has been one that I have used since I was a teenager. I now tie it in small sizes for all trout, a little larger for half pounders and larger, still, for summer run steelhead.

### Ramblings of a Fly Tyer (extra)

Might as well start by rambling. One of our members, Chuck Huntington, a retired (sometimes) fisheries biologist, got me to measuring bugs and I found out that even the insects within the same hatch can vary by up to an 1/8". I normally start off my recipes with hook and size. This can be confusing to a lot of people. There is actually no standard on hook sizes between brands, for that matter, there is no standard within a brand. If you go to any book and they say to use a 1530, size 16, how long is that? Daiichi, my favorite hook brand, has 12 styles of dry fly hook, all #16 vary in length. Other hook brands are just as bad. So, to my point, (with Chuck's help) I am measuring the bugs I collect from top to bottom and then measuring my hook, then matching the sizes. I don't care if a pattern calls for #16, if a #14 or #18 matches better, use that size. So, for those of you that tie, try to get a little closer to the bugs and start a fish/tying log. Call me if you need help.

David E. Roberts

## NEW Club Members

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

Jeff Beaupain  
Jack Kobinsky  
Izzy Flores  
Chris Carey-Flores  
Steven Star  
Bob Beanblossom  
John Michaels

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [www.rogueflyfishers.org](http://www.rogueflyfishers.org) , 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.

Thank you to those who keep renewing your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

## Follow-Up: Rogue Flyfisher’s Resolutions on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Pipeline

In a private meeting last week at Jordan Cove’s LNG office in Klamath Falls, many of Rogue Flyfishers’ concerns about serious negative impacts of their proposed natural gas pipeline project were discussed with Ms. Shar Post. As many readers know a Canadian company proposes to build a 328-mile natural gas pipeline crossing under 400 rivers, streams and waterways in Klamath, Jackson, Douglas and Coos counties. March 2019 RFF Newsletter (page 7) noted, RFF Board concluded the project provides little if any benefit to our local area. Ms Post requested and has been sent RFF Board’s Resolution listing about ten specific concerns.

Concerns include adverse impact on wild Salmon and Steelhead spawning redds, instability at bank and trenched stream crossings with clearcut vegetation, proposed mitigation of risks due to construction of LNG pipeline and export facility have not been demonstrated to be adequate in three consecutive plan reviews by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

John and Anita Ward visited the Jordan Cove LNG office in downtown Klamath Falls Feb. 27, 2019 to discuss Rogue Flyfisher concerns with their proposed LNG pipeline and export terminal.





## RFF Conservation Committee

*C.W. Huntington*

The club's Directors have recently funded or are thinking about funding multiple grant proposals for conservation related projects. Recently issued RFF grants include \$5,000 to Northwest Environmental Advocates in support of technical and legal work on remedies to Medford's pollutant discharges into the Rogue River below TouVelle State Park, and \$1,000 to the Rogue River Watershed Council (for Rogue Fish Migration Day in Grants Pass on April 6 and their annual *Celebrate the Rogue!* fundraiser/gala in Medford on October 26). Grants pending or under consideration include \$300 to Friends of the Greensprings (contingent on a \$1,500 grant from the Oregon Council and another \$1,500 from the Fly Fishers International), \$1,000 to Waterwatch, \$500 to Project Healing Waters, and \$100 as a potential sponsor of Festival on the Rogue 2019.

The work being done by Northwest Environmental Advocates has been well described by John MacDiarmid in past RFF newsletters.

The Rogue River Watershed Council is a local non-profit that plans and implements projects that restore fish passage, native riparian vegetation, water quality, and habitat along the area streams that produce our salmon, steelhead, and resident trout. The group works with private landowners and others to do work that helps maintain the fishery resources we enjoy here in the Rogue Basin.

Friends of the Greensprings is a small non-profit focused on environmental conservation and led by RFF member John Ward. The group is purchasing water temperature loggers and working with the Rogue River Watershed Council to monitor stream temperatures at key locations for ESA-listed Coho Salmon in the upper Rogue River watershed. Waterwatch is an Oregon non-profit well known to club members for conservation work focused on responsible water use. In our area, it has played a central role in large dam removal projects and in monitoring water use practices. Project Healing Waters is a non-profit that helps rehabilitate military veterans through fly fishing. Within our area it works closely with the White City VA Rehabilitation Center to help veterans learn to fly fish and educates them on fishery conservation issues.

Festival on the Rogue is a fun annual event put together by community volunteers from the Shady Cove area with organizational support from the Rogue River Watershed Council. The 2019 festival, to be held at Rogue River Regional Park in Shady Cove on June 8, will focus on the river and its watershed as valued natural assets. Last year the Rogue Flyfishers had two exhibits at the festival, one providing fly tying demonstrations led by Dave Roberts and another that gave casting demonstrations and lessons led by John MacDiarmid. The club is planning to put two similar exhibits in the park this year, with fly tying led by Dave and casting led by Bob Pierce. Festival proceeds in excess of costs go toward local stream restoration projects. Club members are encouraged to attend the festival and support one of our river-dependent communities.



## **Another Member of The Year**

**Don Dabney** was also awarded as member of the year at the February meeting. We apologize for failing to mention him in the March newsletter. Be sure to let him know we appreciate the work he does.

## **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 an optional \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto.

The class will be held on May 11 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 from Medford 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 [johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com](mailto:johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com) to register for the class. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend.

## **WANT to HELP COHO Recovery in Upper Rogue ?** **Need 14 or 16 VOLUNTEERS to pair up and work as teams**



- mid-June install temperature loggers,
- field check mid-summer,
- retrieve mid-October.

Above Notched ELK Creek Dam

Thanks

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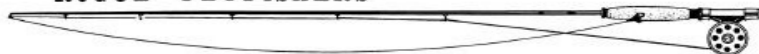
# **“RAFFLE A FISHERMAN”**

## **DAVID HAIGHT**



**Join Dave for a great day on the water!**  
**Only a raffle ticket away!**

## ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
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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,

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