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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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PROGRAM

Meetings are on hold for now

Try our outings:
Check the Club Calendar for more
information

Sacramento River April 9th

Owyhee River May 27-29

Crane Prairie June 17-19



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President's Message from David Haight

As we enter April, winter steelhead fishing is nearing its end; however, fishing for trout and warmwater species is picking up in the lower-elevation streams, lakes, and ponds. While the persistent drought has left many of our local reservoirs at very low levels, there are places with enough water to fish. The dry winter will also result in many of our streams being at very fishable flows early this year. Consequently, the next couple of months should offer some good fishing opportunities.

Our usual location for our monthly meetings, Centennial Golf Course, will not be available to us until after our usual summer break; however, we are going to have opportunities for our members to get together and share our passion for fly fishing. First up, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have invited us to join them at their fly-tying meeting on April 21st. For those that haven't attended a SOFF meeting, the format of their meetings is similar to ours. Plus, many of the great tyers from our club will be tying at their meeting. See the announcement in this newsletter for details. Then on Saturday May 14, we will have a picnic at Tou Velle State Park. In June, we are planning to hold a traditional dinner meeting. We are currently looking into possible venues. Since our club's outing to Crane Prairie will be during the third week of June, we will hold the meeting on either June 8 or 22. We anticipate being able to return to Centennial and our normal meeting schedule in September.

We are also in communication with members of the Washington Steelhead Flyfishers about exchanging Zoom presentations between our two clubs. If there is sufficient interest, a few of our members would give presentations about salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities in our area, and a few of their members would do the same for opportunities in their area. Dave McCants will start this off with a presentation about the Rogue River. If anyone else would be willing to give a Zoom presentation, please let me know.

A small group attended the March outing to the Smith River. Unfortunately, the storm that was forecast to bring the flows up (and bring in a bunch of fresh winter steelhead just in time for our outing) passed by just to the north so the river remained low and gin clear. We didn't catch any fish, but we had a good time, and the Smith River is a beautiful place to fish. Our next outing is to the Sacramento River at Redding on April 9. This section of the Sacramento River is famous for outstanding fishing for large rainbow trout. Jerry Haynes, our Outings Chair, arranged for several guide boats to take those that are interested. Participants also have the option to bring their own boats. The photograph accompanying this article was taken when Tanya and I fished this section of the Sacramento Last April. We can confirm that the fishing there is great!



The Program Director for Boy Scout Camp McLaughlin, at Lake of the Woods, is looking for volunteer instructors to teach fly fishing and help the Scouts earn their Fly-Fishing Merit badge. The camp will run for three weeks, from July 10 – 30, and they need three or more volunteers on two days each week. They also requested volunteers from other area clubs and are hoping each club can provide the instructors for one week. If you are willing to help out, please let me know.

We are still looking for someone to take over the position of Treasurer. It is critical that we find someone to fulfill that role—we can't have a club without a Treasurer! Please contact me or any other board member if you are willing to serve as our Treasurer.

Start Em Young

By David P. McCants (AKA Grandpa Bear)



My grandson, Tyler Howard, turned 4 on December 13, 2021 and all he wanted from me was to take him fish'n. So, I agreed to take him trout fishing when the weather was nicer.

Along came Saturday, January the 22nd and I decided to take him, my wife (Ann), daughter (Melissa), and son-in-law (Matt) to Lost Creek Lake. I decided traditional bank fishing with spinning rods and Powerbait (yes, a tried and true fly fisherman was going to use Powerbait for the first time in his life to get his grandson into fishing!). So, we set up two rods near the Takelma boat ramp. We rigged with the Sportsman's Warehouse recommended gear (3/8 egg sinker, swivel, 30 inches of 6lb tippet, a white glow in the dark corky, a number 6 Gamagatsu chartreuse colored single hook, and Yellow Garlic with sparkles Powerbait).

We sat there for 20 minutes or so and sure enough, a fish bit on his rod not on mine, and he reeled in his first trout! He was happy and poked the fish to see it wiggle (something I taught him last summer, so he was not afraid of the fish, now he pokes them every time!) and then put the trout on a chain stringer and back then in the water. We fished another 3 hours (noon to 3) without a bite and his parents decided it was time to leave.

So, Tyler and I looked at the fish which was upright and breathing and finning. So, with only one fish that was still quite alive I asked him, "Tyler the fish is still alive, and we've only caught one so do you want to let him go so we can catch him another time, or do you want to clean him and eat him for dinner"? Tyler replied, "Grandpa Bear, he is still alive so let's just let him go and come back again." I said Ok it is your decision, and we carefully unhooked the chain, and I showed him how to gently move it back and forth in the water until it finally swam off under its own power. I told him it was a really good decision.

Of course, 20 seconds later Tyler's rod went down yet again, he reeled and reeled and finally got the fish in and it was 5 inches longer. Since we again only had one fish, we let it go back in the lake and it took off like a bullet!

So, we packed up and I told Tyler he learned two things that day: He caught two fish and released them unharmed, and that Grandpa Bear got skunked! He asked what that meant, and I told him he caught all the fish, but Grandpa Bear didn't catch any so his grandpa got Skunked!

Fly Tying at SOFF

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have invited the members of the Rogue Flyfishers to attend their fly-tying meeting on Thursday April 21. The format for their meetings is basically the same as ours: they have a social hour starting at 5:30 followed by the meeting and dinner at 6:30. The best tyers from both clubs will be there demonstrating how to tie a wide variety of flies both before and after dinner. The meeting will be held at the Grants Pass Country Club at 230 Espey Road in Grants Pass. The dinner is \$22.00 per person, and dinner reservations, which can be made on the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers' website SOFF.org, must be submitted by noon on Monday April 18. Since we have been unable to have our own meetings, this will be a great opportunity to get together with your fellow Rogue Flyfishers and also the wonderful members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.

SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

April 9, 2022



Come join us for an opportunity to hook large wild Sacramento River Rainbows. The Sacramento is “an emerald green fountain, the lifeblood of Northern California”. It is also the best trout stream fishery on the West Coast and a three hour drive down Interstate 5 from Medford.

There is limited bank access and best fishing is from a boat. We have arranged for four boats for guided fishing by Kynco Guide Service of Redding <https://kyncoguideservice.com>. Unfortunately, all guided fishing spots are filled at this time. Bringing your own drift boat or raft is strongly encouraged.

We will be meeting at **8:30am at the Posse Grounds Boat Ramp in Redding**. The Posse Grounds ramp is located just above the Sundial Bridge. One of Kynco’s guides will be giving a brief talk regarding the float, tactics and flies, etc. for our day on the water before we set out.

If you would like to attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com. Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2022



Come join us for our big summer outing of the year. Crane Prairie Reservoir will again be our destination in June. The Official Base Camp for this Outing will be Rock Creek Campground, Space 10. Your Hosts will be there from Sunday, June 12th through Sunday, June 19th. Please feel free to come by anytime, for any reason.

Rock Creek Campground is located at the southwest corner of the lake and reservations are currently being accepted through www.recreation.gov. Quinn River and Cultus Lake campgrounds are also very close. If you are planning on attending, I would recommend making reservations soon as this area fills up quickly.

Come on out, fish, fellowship and enjoy. For more information contact Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or (661) 742-5835.

2022 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, please pay your membership dues for 2022. Although the club has not been strict about the payment of dues due to the suspension of club meetings over the last two years, the club continues to incur expenses. It would be very helpful to the club if those of you who have not yet renewed would do so as soon as possible. In order to be listed in the club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2022. Our new club directory will be available the end of April, 2022.

To renew your membership, go to rogueflyfishers.org and look to the right, under Electronic Membership application or renewal, and click on pay with PayPal. Complete the form and then press Submit to continue to payment. Or, if you prefer, please print and fill out the form on the back page of this newsletter and US mail the form and a check to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501. If you have any questions please contact the RFF Membership Chairman, Don Dabney. Email address: drdabney49@gmail.com. We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.

AUCTION NEWS

As announced in the March newsletter, our Auction and Dinner will be held on October 8th this year in the Padgham Pavilion at the Jackson County Expo. We'll start the festivities at 4:00 PM and have a live auction, silent auction, bucket raffle, and a 50-50 raffle. Catering will be by Back Porch Bar & Grill. We have lots of great items already and the auction committee will be working hard to find some other fantastic items to add to the list between now and then. Mark that date down and plan to attend! Tickets will be \$ 30.00 each and will go on sale August 1st.

Dave McCants has volunteered to be a "floor manager" the morning of the auction, directing the set-up of the tables while the items for the auctions and raffles are being gathered and brought to the Expo. We will only have access to the building the day of the auction, from 8:00 AM until midnight, at which time we have to be completely cleaned up and out. We'll have sign-up sheets for set-up, transportation, and clean up at the May picnic or let Dave or myself know how you can help.

We are also in need of a platform or stand for the auctioneer to use during the live auction. In the past we've had a drift boat for her to stand in but other methods of elevating her for better visibility will be considered. If you have something that could be used for that purpose, please let me know. Keep in mind that whatever it is would have to be at the Expo first thing that morning and then removed before midnight.

Finally, I will not be able to continue as Auction Chair in 2023. I'll be able to provide assistance but will be out of the area both in the Spring and Fall next year. Working closely with me during the 2022 Auction will provide an opportunity to learn what has to be done. Again, please contact me if you are interested.

Tim Bolling

OWYHEE RIVER OUTING – MAY 27, 28, 29

You are correct, it is quite a drive to get there...8-9 hours depending on how you drive. However, it can be a wonderful couple of days of breathtaking views and perhaps some very large Browns. If not the big boys, there are plenty of 12" – 20" fish. Afternoon bite could be a PMD hatch, or the multitudes of midges for dry fly action. Last May yielded fish on stripping buggars, nymphing chironomids, pheasant tail nymphs, BH hares ear patterns, and then be ready with dry flies when the time is right. General size flies I've found to work are between 14 - 20s. Though throwing large streamers slowly across the bottom can produce some pretty large fish in the early mornings and once the sun is off the water in the early evening.

Camping is all along the river on BLM land, I will try to get the larger areas as the Host campsite. It is all dry camping. I will be giving details to those of you interested in coming out via text messages.

Please contact me at 541-261-2243

Mike Masters – Host

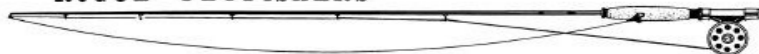




From now on each Spring, you can look forward to a night of entertainment, a silent auction, a delicious dinner and the “Get the Salmon up the River” game, project highlight videos, and plenty of time to dine and socialize with old and new friends.

Support restoration in the Rogue River watershed by attending this special event. For more information, visit the Rogue River Watershed Council website at www.rogueriverwc.org and thank you for your support.

ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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Field & Stream	293 Rossanley Drive Medford	541-930-3254
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
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** _____

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