

APRIL 2023

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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MEETING

APRIL DINNER MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH

FLY TYERS NIGHT WITH
SOUTHERN OREGON FLY FISHERS

This month's meeting will be held at the Grants Pass Golf Club located at 230 Espey Road, Grants Pass.

The fun will begin with social hour at 5:30 and continue with a great meal served by Mary's BBQ. Some of the Pacific Northwest's marquis tyers will be present to demonstrate and discuss fly tying at its best.

Dinner reservations are required by Sunday, April 16th. To RSVP, please call Steve Day at (661) 742-5835 or email your reservation to icrsrd303@gmail.com. Include in your reservation your name, number for dinner and any special dietary requests.



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President's Message from David Haight

It has been an interesting spring so far—sunny and warm one day and snowing the next. Between the weather and the low returns, it has been a challenging season for winter steelhead anglers. All the snow in the mountains will probably delay the fishing in the higher elevations lakes and streams. It has, however, been a blessing to be getting the much-needed precipitation, which is helping to fill some of our waterbodies depleted by years of drought, and ensure reasonable flow in our streams. Hopefully, this wetter pattern will continue in future years, and will help restore many of our fisheries.

Congratulations to Steve Ostrander for being selected to receive the Dick Ruff Award. Steve has been important to the success of this club for a long time, and this recognition is well deserved.

We have filled our table for the “Celebrate the Rogue” event—the Rogue River Watershed Council’s big fund-raising event for the year. The watershed council does a tremendous amount of good work to improve the health of the streams and the habitat for fish and other organisms in the Rogue Basin. I’m glad the Rogue Fly Fishers will be showing strong support for their work. Although our table is filled, any of you that would like to attend can still get tickets from directly from the Rogue River Watershed Council by visiting their website www.rogueriverwc.org or calling 541-423-6158.

The Rogue Flyfishers will also be participating in the “Festival on the Rogue”, which will be in Shady Cove on June 4. We need volunteers to tie flies and to teach fly casting. Chuck Huntington is leading our efforts, so if you can help, please contact Chuck.

We will be joining the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers at the Grants Pass Country Club on Thursday April 20 for the annual fly-tying meeting and dinner. There will be many of the best tyers from both clubs demonstrating their skills and teaching the art of fly tying. This is always a fun and educational event. This will be in place of our usual Wednesday meeting. Remember that we will not be meet again at Centennial again until we return from our summer break in September.



SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

March 18, 2023

We had our outing on the Lower Sacramento River on March 18. The weather was perfect but the water condition was less than ideal. The outing was well attended and those who fished thru the less than favorable water conditions were rewarded with some trophy trout and steelhead. Everyone had an enjoyable day on one of the premier trout (and steelhead) fisheries.

Steve Day will lead our next outing to Selmac Lake on April 12. Hope to see you there.



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

John Pogue and John MacDiarmid will conduct a fly fishing class for beginners on Saturday May 6. In this one day class participants will learn everything needed to fish the Rogue for steelhead 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 them but do not buy equipment for the class. We will answer the question, what rod should I buy? The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you need a rod. 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. You can join on line at the club's website. 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 6 from 9 to 3:30 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park club house. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill.

Email John MacDiarmid at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com to register for the class. Questions? Call John at 541-840-0183. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend.



The Lake Selmac Outing / Clinic, will be held on Wednesday, April 12th. We will meet at the south pavilion located near the Lake Selmac Disc Golf Course at 9:00.

We will meet and talk about basic Stillwater Tactics, equipment, and techniques, and provide some guidance for success when fishing Stillwaters.

Lake Selmac is located approximately 18 miles west of Grants Pass via Hwy 199. Once thru Selma you will turn left at Lakeshore Drive and travel south to the lake. Stay left and circle the east side of the lake. There are signs directing you to the Disc Golf Course.

Lake Selmac can be fished effectively from almost any fishing platform. Boats, personal pontoons, and float tubes will all work well. The lake is stocked in Spring and Fall with Rainbow Trout and has a well-established population of Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Bluegill. Fishing in the Spring can often be very good.

Fly rods from 3wt to 6wt are appropriate. Floating lines for indicator fishing and hover or intermediate lines are best for stripping. Small Wooly Buggers and Soft Hackle flies work well stripping and Chironomid patterns and small nymphs such as Hare's Ears or Pheasant Tails and Balanced Leeches are very effective under an indicator.

This Outing will be weather and conditions dependent. If you're going to attend, Please RSVP to Steve Day by calling (661) 742-5835 or emailing, icrsrd303@gmail.com. Outing updates will be provided.

Steve Ostrander Receives the Dick Ruff Award

The Dick Ruff Award was created in 1976 to honor those members of the Rogue Flyfishers who through their time, efforts, and/or resources helped to promote the purpose of the club to its highest level. includes promoting the conservation of fisheries and other natural resources, promoting recreational resources, and promoting fly fishing. The award is given only when warranted, and is the highest honor the Rogue Flyfishers can bestow on a member. Throughout the club's history only about a dozen members have been awarded this honor. At the March meeting, Steve Ostrander was presented with the Dick Ruff Award and joined this prestigious group!

Steve has served as the Rogue Flyfishers' newsletter editor and webmaster since the early 2000s. He has published a newsletter each month—no matter where he has been or what he was doing. He has completed and sent out the newsletters even while fishing in Alaska and while in hunting camp. Steve has on occasions made long drives into a town to get internet access to complete this work.

As webmaster, Steve posts the meeting announcements, newsletters, and other important information to keep the club members informed. The website also archives information about the club's history, and has resources for fly anglers.

Keeping these lines of communication going have been and continues to be essential to the success of the club. Without Steve's dedication, hard work, and commitment of time, the club would not be able to function and fulfill our purpose. Plus, a number of our members first learned of the club through the newsletter or website.

In addition to those tasks, Steve has served the club in other ways, volunteering to help with various projects.

Thank you, Steve, for all you have done and continue to do for the club. We appreciate your efforts.

More to the story

I need to add that my wife, Sharon, has helped me the whole time with the editing of the newsletter. She has also done the physical delivery of the newsletters when I was out of town. It would have been much more difficult without her help.



Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 4/20 w/SOFF
No Club Meeting May or June
Club Board Meeting; 4/5, 5/3, 6/7
SO Fly Tyers meeting 4/11, 5/9, 6/13
Outings: Lake Selmac 4/12,
Copeland Ponds 5/6
Owyhee River 5/17
Lemolo Lake 6/1
Salmon Fly 6/9
Diamond Lake 6/17-6/19

Events; Intro to Fly Fishing Class 5/6
Club Picnic 6/10

SO Women on the Fly fund raiser 4/13

Check the Club Calendar for more information

RFF Membership Survey

The Rogue Flyfishers Board of Directors is conducting a survey of the membership to find out what you think about the club: what you like; what you would change; what programs, outings, and classes you would like to have; and so forth. If you have not already completed the survey, please do so. You can print the attachment, fill it out, and mail it to the club's PO box (Rogue Flyfishers P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501) or bring it to the April meeting. You can also scan your completed survey or fill it out on your computer and email it to David Haight at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net.

Rogue FlyFishers Member Survey

click here for a printable copy http://www.rogueflyfishers.org/2023_survey.pdf

General<

What do you like most about the Rogue Flyfishers?

What do you like least about the Rogue Flyfishers?

What would you like to see change?

Monthly Meetings

How important is it to you to have dinner available at the meetings?

Very important____. Moderately important____. Not important____. Prefer not to have dinner____.

How important is it to you to have an open bar available at the meetings?

Very important____. Moderately important____. Not important____. Prefer not to have a bar____.

Recognizing that options for meeting venues are limited in Medford, how do you feel about our meeting location?

I'm happy with Centennial____. I prefer a less expensive alternative____. I prefer a higher quality alternative even if it means paying more____.

What type of programs do you prefer? Please rank for each question.

Programs about fishing for trout and steelhead in streams____, trout in lakes____, bass/warmwater fish____, saltwater fish____. I like a variety____.

Programs about local fishing destinations____, regional destinations____, Alaska/Canada____, tropical destinations____, techniques and skills____, science and conservation____. I like a variety____.

What items do you like to see in the raffle? Mark all that apply.

Rods____. Reels____. Flies____. Fly-fishing accessories____. Books____. Hosted fishing trips____. Outdoor gear____. Items not related to fly fishing____. Other (specify)_____.

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Other comments about meetings

Classes

What classes would you be interested in attending? Mark all that apply.

Beginning fly fishing____. Intermediate fly fishing____. Fly fishing for steelhead____. Fly fishing for trout____.

Fly fishing for bass and panfish____. Saltwater fly fishing____.

Beginning____, intermediate____, advanced____ fly tying

Beginning____, intermediate____, advanced____ fly casting. Spey casting____.

Other comments about classes:

Outings

What type of outings interest you?

Local one-day outings____. Regional multi-day outings____. Club trips to exotic locations____.

Outings to lakes____, rivers/streams____, saltwater____, private fee waters____.

Outings to target trout____, bass/warmwater fish____, steelhead____, salmon____, saltwater fish____, other species (specify)_____.

Is there an outing you would like to go on that the club has not offered?

Other comments about outings:

Conservation and Education

What issues do you feel the Rogue Flyfishers should support?

K – 12 environmental education____. College-level education____. Community education____.

Fish passage/dam removal____. Habitat protection____. Habitat enhancement____.

Fisheries management/fishing regulations____.

Efforts should focus only on local issues____. Efforts should prioritize local issues, but should also address important regional issues____.

Other comments about Conservation and education:

Any other comments about the club:



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**Southern Oregon Women on the Fly is overwhelmingly excited to announce our first fundraising event!
Please join us in community as we raise funds to expand our gear closet.**

**When: Thursday, April 13th, 5-8pm
Where: HRL Brewery & Pubbery - 1100 N Central Ave, Medford**

**5:00 - 8:00pm Eats & Drinks
8:00pm - Raffle Drawing**

One mission of SOWOTF is to reduce barriers to entry and we have identified gear as one of the biggest barriers. We hope to help women get started in fly fishing without the large financial investment. Raising funds to expand our gear closet will help us fulfill this mission.

Bring a friend, family, or coworker and drop by anytime between 5-8pm on Thursday, April 13 to chat, enjoy a drink, and purchase raffle tickets! Raffle drawing will start at 8pm, but you do not need to be present to win. Raffle prizes for local pickup only. We have some amazing donors and sweet prizes. We hope to see you there!

Please reach out to Tammy Dedrick if you have any questions or would like to connect with SOWOTF.

Links to upcoming event registrations and more: <https://linktr.ee/sowotf>

**Best Fishes,
Southern Oregon Women on the Fly**



We have a lot to celebrate in 2023

This year has brought new and exciting developments for RRWC and we are looking forward to sharing them with you and celebrating together.

Join us for a delicious plated dinner, silent auction, the “Get the Fish up the River” game, project highlight videos, and plenty of time to gather around the table with old and new friends

More information will be coming to you in mid March. Watch for our invitation via email or mail and we hope to see you on April 29th!



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California lilac photo: Suzie Savoie

Join the Rogue Flyfishers at Celebrate the Rogue!

The Rogue Flyfishers are a sponsor for the Rogue River Watershed Council's Celebrate the Rogue! fundraising event. As such, we have a reserved table for 10 at the event, which will occur on April 29, 5:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Ashland Hills Hotel. We are selling the seats at our table for the face value of \$60.00 to members of the Rogue Flyfishers on a first-come basis. You can purchase a seat at the March or April meetings, or by contacting David Haight. The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Watershed Council. As most of you know, the Rogue River Watershed Council does a tremendous amount of work to improve the habitat for native fish in the Rogue Basin, and is worthy of our support.

You Can't Always Get What You Want But If You Try Sometimes You Might Just Get What You Need!

Fellow fly fishers may remember this set of lyrics from a great Rolling stones song from the past. In some circumstances it is quite prophetic.

I had the opportunity to take one of our Board members, Susan Labiste up to fish my favorite section of Rogue at McGregor Park a few weeks ago. Blue Winged Olives and March Browns were coming off well. However, not a fish rose, so we even tried dry droppers and soft hackles. Not a bite in four hours, so we decided to get burritos at Trail market.

After lunch we went to the Holy Water and arrived around two pm. I noticed some fish rising within five feet of shore and could not see what they were rising for. So, I set Susan up with a 12-foot 4x leader and 2 feet of 5x tippet and tied on a size 22 Befus black pullover midge that I had tied over 25 years ago. Well, our day was complete with a beautiful trout on the Holy Water and a great smile!

So the moral of the story is, if nothing is working, take a break and try something different. It worked for Susan even though I didn't get a touch all day (yes, that means skunked!).



From the Road Clean-Up Committee:

The club volunteered to clean up the trash along the county road from the main highway to the end of the Holy Waters at the damn. On the glorious Saturday we recently had there was a last minute decision to head out and pick up the trash. We cleaned from the Fish Hatchery to the damn. Next time we will tackle the road to the highway. There really wasn't a lot of trash although a trash bag was half full. We found mostly cigarette butts and candy wrappers with just a few beer and soda cans. It is good to see that Flyfishers are so conscientious. Paige Ferrell, a new member, joined in. Be sure to welcome her at the next meeting. None of us fished but there was a lone Flyfisher in the water who was having more fun casting than catching.

Paul Seymour, Chairmanuch all day (yes, that means skunked!).

2023 OWYHEE RIVER OUTING – MAY 17 - 21

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. We will do a potluck early dinner on Saturday. I will provide brats. I will be giving further details to those of you interested in coming out via text messages.

Please text me at 541-261-2243 or email at mmasters2243@charter.net

Mike Masters – Host



Financial News by Tim Bolling

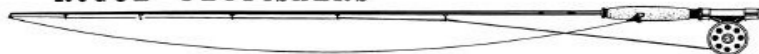
The comment has been made to me in the past that the \$ 25.00 cost for the dinner at Centennial Golf Club is too much and we should reduce what we make on the dinners and charge a lower price. If there was a way we could reduce the price we would, but regardless of what we have for dinner at Centennial, we get charged \$ 25.00 per meal. So we don't make a penny on the food. As a matter of fact, we actually lose money because we don't charge whomever we have as a speaker for their meal, plus there is usually one or two others that don't get charged anything for various reasons. On top of that, we have to guarantee Centennial a minimum of 50 dinner reservations. If we end up with anything less than that, we eat the cost (no pun intended) of any shortfall. We understand that circumstances may mean that someone who makes a reservation may end up not being able to attend, but hopefully that only happens in case of an emergency, not that things just got too busy or something else of interest just came up.

We are fortunate to have a number of well qualified local people who are willing to give a presentation at our meetings, usually at no charge to the club. That isn't always possible though, and there are times we have to pay a speaker plus cover at least lodging costs. As many of you know, we try to minimize this cost by occasionally sharing a speaker with SOFF but that isn't always possible either.

Finally there is the raffle we have at each meeting. Fortunately we are able to get items for the raffle at a reduced or even no cost on occasion, so the money we made there is usually enough to cover all the other costs.

So, please, get your dinner reservations in early, show up when you make a reservation, and BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!

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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** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

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