

Rogueflyfishers

APRIL 2025

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



This month's program will feature Tyers from Rogue Fly Fishers, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, and Senior Staff Fly Dressers Guild.

All very dedicated Tyers and outstanding teachers.

Wild River Pub

533 NE F st.

Grants Pass, OR



In partnership with
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Presidents Message April 2025

Water Water Everywhere

Well I know we needed it, but I think this year could be summed up as a be careful what you wish for kind of year in regard to the rain. In my seven years here in the valley this is the wettest and highest I have seen the Rogue River. Every time it just about got to a fishable level another front rolled in with either inches of snow, or inches of rain. Even though I was dealing with recovering from my foot surgery I was keeping an eye on the different gauges. The amount of snow on top of the ice at Diamond lake this year is the highest I've seen it since I've been here too. All I can say is that I picked a good time to recover from foot surgery. Well kind of. I had two offers to fish the Umpqua and had to pass on both of them. As you can imagine I was not happy about that.

Before you know it, the water levels will drop, and we will have our chance at the fish. Hopefully sooner than later. After all the rivers need a good rise like the one we had this year. It's good to clear out the old obstacles and hopefully not create worse ones, and hopefully create some new gravel deposits for the fish to spawn in. The fish certainly had plenty of water to get them up any tributary they might want to go up.

This months upcoming dinner meeting is the joint fly tyers meeting with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers in Grants Pass at the Wild Rivers Pizza Pub. You can make a reservation through their site in advance for \$25 or pay at the door for \$30. So save yourself some money and make a reservation. We will also have fly tying books for sale at the dinner so now you'll have \$5 to spend on a book. The May meeting will be at a new location we are trying out, and could be our new go to spot. It will be at the Fiesta Restaurant 1016 Riverside avenue in Medford. There is no minimum number of reservations required for dinners at this location. There is no set menu and you can order off of the menu, so you have choices.

In June we have the club picnic at Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass. Josephine County has raised their rates and the way that they do the pavilion rentals. So you can rent the pavilion for the morning or the afternoon. The rates are significantly cheaper during the week. So the picnic will be on Thursday June 12th starting at 3 PM. Also in June will be the outing to Crane Prairie. This will be from June 22-29 and at the Rock Creek campground. I hope to see you all at these events.

John Pogue

**Rogue Valley Anglers is Moving.
Their new address is 305 N. Bartlett
They will be open there April 1st**

SOFF / RFF

ANNUAL FLY TYERS NIGHT

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PIZZA FEED

TUESDAY, APRIL, 15TH

Join us at Wild River Pub in Grants Pass to celebrate the art of fly tying while enjoying great pizza and beverages. 15 local tyers will be demonstrating a variety of patterns.

The show begins at 5:00 with pizza served at 7:00.

RSVP's are required if you wish to dine. To RSVP, call (661) 742-5835 or email icrsrd303@gmail.com. Please leave your name and number of reservations. RSVP's must be received by Thursday, April 10th.

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Conservation News

by Rick Graw

Hatchery Fish – Current Science and Local Policy

When I accepted the role of Conservation Chair, one of my goals was to educate myself about fisheries and selectively share that knowledge with others. One of the things I've been doing is listening to some podcasts on the subject. Last month, I discovered *the Wet Fly Swing Flyfishing podcast*. During one of those podcasts the guest being interviewed talked about a recent scientific journal article in which the authors conducted an extensive review of all the published literature on the effects of hatcheries on wild salmonids. I really like these review articles because they attempt to consolidate all the existing, making it easy to understand the current state of knowledge on a particular topic. In their article, *Review: A global synthesis of peer-reviewed research on the effects of hatchery salmonids on wild salmonids. John R. McMillan et al. Fisheries Management & Ecology. June 2023. DOI: 10.1111/fme.12643*, the authors conducted a global literature search of peer-reviewed publications (1970–2021) evaluating how hatchery salmonids affected wild salmonids, developed a publicly available database, and synthesized results. Two hundred six publications met their search criteria, with 83% reporting adverse/minimally adverse effects on wild salmonids. Adverse genetic effects on diversity were most common, followed by effects on productivity and abundance via ecological and genetic processes. Few publications (3%) reported beneficial hatchery effects on wild salmonids, nearly all from intensive recovery programs used to bolster highly depleted wild populations. Their review suggests that hatcheries commonly have adverse impacts on wild salmonids in freshwater and marine environments. Future research on less studied effects—such as epigenetics—could improve knowledge and management of the full extent of hatchery impacts.

But what about our local hatchery? The Cole Rivers Hatchery is the largest producer of hatchery fish on the coast of Oregon. Almost all of the fish production at Cole Rivers is done to mitigate for the fish production that was lost when miles of high-quality fish habitat was blocked by Applegate Dam (Applegate Reservoir) and William Jess Dam (Lost Creek Reservoir). Was this the right thing to do? Do we still need these fish?

In the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (December 2021), ODFW identified three hatchery management strategies: (1) Manage hatchery programs to provide optimal harvest opportunities and meet mitigation goals while being consistent with desired status targets for wild populations; (2) Manage hatchery programs to minimize risk to the long-term adaptive capacity of wild populations; and (3) Manage for wild fish emphasis or mixed emphasis in the appropriate Management Areas as outlined in Figure 14 of the Plan and obtain Commission approval for starting new or eliminating existing hatchery programs in a Management Area relative to those in Table 14 of the Plan.

To me, it sounds like ODFW's Plan is consistent with current science but also recognizes the needs of the recreational fishing community.

We can stay current on how ODFW's plan is being implemented by reading the annual reports posted on ODFW's website. In December of 2024, ODFW released its 2024 Annual Report. It's an interesting document.

Upcoming Events:

Bear Creek Stewardship Day with the Rogue Riverkeepers.

Apr 19, 2025, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM at Bear Creek and McAndrews Road.

Join Rogue Riverkeeper in giving back to Bear Creek, by helping pick up litter. This is a fun and laid-back morning of community service that is critical to the health of Bear Creek—a salmon bearing waterway that serves as the most populated tributary of the Rogue River. For more information please visit: <https://www.rogueriverkeeper.org/upcoming-events/bcsd-spring-20>

aODFW Salmon Carcass Toss

April 12 9:00 – 1:00 pm and April 25th at 9:00 – 12:00 pm

Come volunteer with ODFW to place salmon carcasses in known Coho distribution areas. These areas haven't seen coho for quite some time and ODFW would like to build a scent trail to help Coho return to these important tributaries. Salmon carcasses also help re-introduce nutrients back into the rivers and are a great food source for aquatic insects. If you want to volunteer, please call Monica with ODFW at 541-961-9957.

Bear Creek Restoration Project Site Visit with the Rogue River Watershed Council

May 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Lynn Newberry Park.

Beth Boos, Community Engagement Project Manager with Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC) will be giving us a private tour of the Bear Creek restoration project performed by the RRWC. Come learn about how the Alameda Fire affected this important coho habitat and see the amazing work our partners with the RRWC have done to restore this ecosystem. This is a private tour given to the Rogue Flyfishers so let's turn out in force to show our appreciation and learn some new things. We would like to get a sense of how many people will attend the event. Please email or text Rick if you plan on attending.



Adopt-a-Road clean up and Salmon Fly fishing

June 5, 9:00 am at Casey County Park

This program provides citizens who are concerned with Jackson County's environment an opportunity to control litter and improve the appearance of the county road system. Our club has adopted Takelma Road right-a-way from Hwy 62 to the William L. Jess dam. This year, we are volunteering to also clean up Casey Park as well. Afterwards, we will go to the Holy Water to fish the salmon fly hatch for trout.

We will provide safety vests, trash grabber tools, and bags. Please bring your own gloves, lunch, and water.

Contact Rick if you are planning to attend. There's a liability waiver that must be completed before the event to clean up Casey Park.

To contact Rick, please email him at rick.graw@gmail.com or text or call him at (503) 522-9477.

Can you cast narrow loops fast and slow? Big loops fast and slow?

John MacDiarmid FFI,CCI

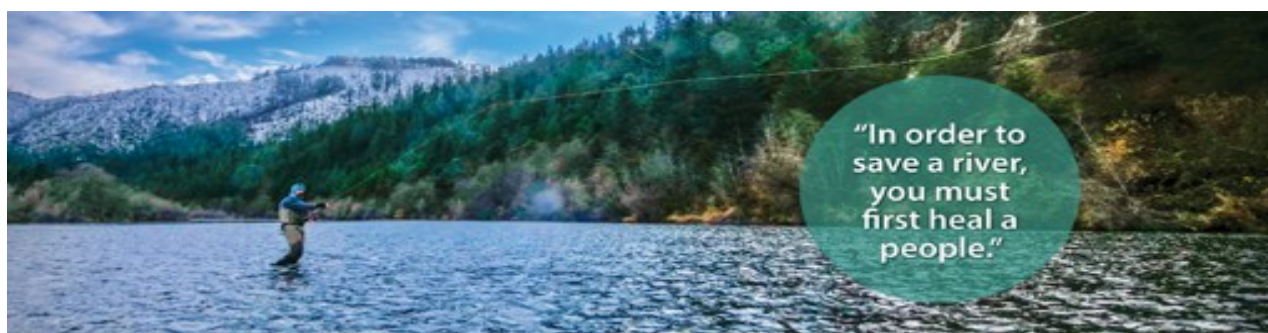
You're on the deck of a flats boat(I think of it as the pulpit) delivering your Crazy Charlie fly to some wayward bonefish. They are not that far out but the wind piped up and the cast has to be fast and the loops narrow. Another rare day in the same situation there is no wind and the small fly has to land quietly to not flare the tailing bones working up a mangrove line. You still need the narrow loop for accuracy but the cast has to be slow for the soft landing. A soft accurate cast is also called for when working your way up a mountain stream dropping the evening Caddis in the quiet pockets by the fast water. So can you cast narrow loops both fast and slow? Then your in a tube on an ultra clear high mountain lake fishing with an extra long leader. It is difficult to keep the energy in that skinny long leader, it has a tendency to fall and tangle with the rod leg. Better use a large loop to keep those lines apart. Casting heavy double flies and an indicator on the Rogue for steelhead works best with a larger loop for the same reason; a little extra speed/power gives you a longer cast to cover more water.

I got to thinking about loop size and speed a few years ago after reading an article on the subject in "The Loop," a 2X/year casting publication on the Fly Fishers International Website. The author was Bruce Richard who at one time was Chairman of the Casting Board of Governors. It is now an emeritus member of this board. When Bruce talks, everyone else stops and listens. If you are a member of FFI, I encourage you to check out "The Loop". Also, the next time you are out on the water, have some fun, play around with the rod to see if you can cast big loops and narrow loops both fast and slow.

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

At the last Board meeting, we voted to fund 2 - \$ 1500.00 scholarships to students in the Fisheries Program at Oregon State University. This is similar to what we've done in the past. We also agreed to donate flies and fly boxes to Casting for Recovery to use at their annual retreat. This breast cancer support group does great work and we are proud to continue our support.

This is the second major donation we've made already in 2025. Money for these donations comes primarily from our auction fundraiser. With our last auction in October 2024, given the length of time required to organize an auction, we will not have an auction in 2025. Timing of an auction in 2026 is currently under discussion by the Board, as well as a venue. For those of you who attend the club meeting at Centennial Golf Club, you may have noticed that the tent where we held our auction in October collapsed during the recent heavy snow and they do not have any plans currently to replace it. Even more important than the venue for our next auction, we need somebody willing to step up and take over as Auction Chair. Even better would be if a couple of people offered to act as Co-Chairs. Without our auction, we will not be able to continue making donations such as those listed above as well as to other organizations such as the Roger River Watershed Council, WaterWatch, and Project Healing Waters. The Auction procedures are not written in stone and changes in the format or procedures to ease the amount of work required would certainly be considered!



Presenting a 90-minute documentary about the Klamath River

A River Between Us

written and produced by SOU alum Jason Atkinson '92

Friday, April 11, 2025

1:00 – 2:30 pm with Q/A after • Free and open to the public

Meese Auditorium, SOU Art Building

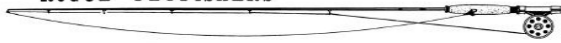


To register for this event use this link:
<https://alumni.sou.edu/a-river-between-us/>

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting (April with SOFF)
Board Meeting 4/2, 5/7, 6/4
SOFT meeting 4/8, 5/15, 6/10
Events
Fly tying meeting with SOFF 4/15
Copeland Pond Outing 5/4
Lemolo Lake Outing 5/30-31
Diamond Lake Outing 6/12

**Check the Club Calendar for more
information**



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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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City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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