



Rogue Flyfishers

PROGRAM

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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Fishing Opportunities in the Rogue Basin



Club member and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Biologist **David Haight** will present an overview of the fishing opportunities that abound in the Rogue Watershed. David grew up in the Rogue Valley and started working for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with the Rogue Basin Project Evaluation in 1978. He has spent most of his career working with the fisheries resources in the Rogue Basin, and enjoys fishing these waters in his off time. David will cover the broad range of fisheries available to fly anglers in our local area—from bass and bluegill in small valley-floor ponds to salmon and steelhead in our larger rivers to trout in small mountain lakes and streams. David will also address some of the management issues the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is working on and some new opportunities they are developing.

President's Message—August 2012 by Kellie Christensen

My mother told me recently that the worst part about getting into her 80's is that she is losing most of her friends. That's the flip side, I suppose, of being fortunate enough to enjoy a good long life-not everyone you love will be there to accompany you on the rest of your journey.

Saying goodbye to Bob Quigley recently affected so many folks. His passing reminded me of a couple of stories I have heard at "celebrations of life" for other lifelong fly fisherman. Because Bob would have enjoyed them, I am including them in this month's message and dedicating them to Bob.

The first involves a fly fisherman who had spent his entire adult life fishing with a group of 3 buddies. He created and tied his own flies, fished as often as he could, and was a lover of all things pertaining to the water. After his cremation, his wife, in sympathetic appreciation of his friendship with this group of guys, gave each of them a container with some of his ashes in it.

They decided to have their own personal memorial service by trekking down to one of their favorite fishing spots, saying a few words, and putting his ashes into the water that he loved so much. One of the fellows included in his portion of ashes a couple of flies that his friend had tied for him. He stood quietly on the river bank, whispered his goodbye and tossed the ashes and flies into the water. They floated gently downstream until a very large steelhead shot to the surface and swallowed one of the flies along with some of his friend's ashes! The guys were shocked and then laughed uproariously at the irony of it all. Not a bad place for a such an avid fly fisherman to end up!

The other story pertains to a fisherman that I knew with a wickedly funny sense of humor. His last request, detailed in a neatly typed out document, was to be honored by members of his family and friends. Some of them flew across the country to attend his memorial service. He too had been cremated and was very specific about the day and time he wanted all of those who loved him to participate in a potluck dinner near the water and close to one of his favorite fishing spots. Friends and family gathered there-next to the water on picnic tables laden with mountains of delicious food on checkered table cloths, swapping stories as they prepared the meal.

Prior to eating, and per his final request, his son took his container of ashes down to the water, read his father's typewritten personal commentary and tossed the ashes into the water. Ornery funny man that he was, he knew full well what was going to happen to his ashes. At that time of day, the afternoon breeze starts kicking up and the ashes that were tossed into the water ended up coming right back and lightly dusting all of the food that was waiting to be enjoyed. I can still hear him laughing from somewhere up above whenever I think about that day.

If we take anything from either of these stories perhaps it is that life is to be lived with humor and enjoyment. Perhaps that is the secret to living a good long life. Perhaps the other is to do so with a rod in hand whenever possible.

Bob Quigley

I didn't know Bob Quigley personally. I only knew him through his excellent fly tying. After attending his memorial service, I found out that I had missed a lot. Bob was not only a great fly tyer, but also a great fisherman, a great friend and not afraid of a good time. There was story after story from the assembled crowd. All of the stories were filled with humor and good times. That is the way we would all like to be remembered.

He was loved by all.....missed by all....and all loved their time with him.

Steve Ostrander

So Many Fish, So Little Time - August

Fishing is improving on the upper Rogue. Nymphs are taking trout from 7 inch steelhead smolts on up to 16 inchers, as well as Cutthroat. A few steelhead are being reported although I have not landed one since early March. If you wish to escape the summer heat, now is a good time to fish streams at higher elevations, such as the North, South and Middle Forks of the Rogue above Prospect. The fish are mostly small (under 8") wild native Rainbows, but it sure beats a trip to the emergency room with heat stroke. Cast a dry size 14 Elk Hair Caddis and have a good time before driving home in your air conditioned vehicle.

47th Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Fair

Tom Collett

I was lucky enough to attend this great event in Spokane. Many local RFF members were there tying or giving casting instruction. I picked up several new hints on tying and casting traditional as well as spey casting. I also took advantage of some of the offerings of the vendors. There is always something new on the market.

I watched a man from Japan, who spoke no English, tie a mayfly on an umbrella hook. That is a hook that hangs vertical in the water and has a bend in the shank so that the fly can be tied to float on the surface in the traditional way when viewed from the top. There is a picture of this fly at <http://www.swedesflyshop.com/>. Note the hackle underneath the fly. He also had a method to make the curved abdomen of the mayfly using long feather fibers and a small plastic tube. Another interesting tyer was a lady from England. The tying tools and materials from other countries are different and interesting. She tied a mayfly using a wing material that I had never seen before. It turned out to be a wrapper they use when you purchase a bouquet of cut flowers. A different tier had a method to make insect wings from fish fins. She would ask kids who were keeping bluegill or hatchery fish if she could have the fins and simply snip the fins off with scissors and dry them. When they were needed she would wet the ends to be tied to make them pliable and tie them on. She also used a heated bodkin to bend horse hair to make insect legs.

I had gone to Livingston, Montana this spring and been to the FFF headquarters and museum. I call it being double lucky having been able to go to Livingston and Spokane so close together time wise. The FFF is a great organization and certainly worthy of our support. If you are not already a member then you should join.

River Usage

Jackson County is developing the "Rogue River Access and Recreation Management Plan". They have a survey at surveymonkey.com/s/rogueriver. Take a few minutes to complete this survey because it is important to our future fishing experience. This is important to the fish and our fly fishing future.

Steelhead Tournament

The tournament itself is scheduled for October 6 (first Saturday in October). Anglers will enjoy breakfast at TouVelle Park, drift the river with an experienced oarsman, and enjoy a home cooked barbecue dinner prepared by Vice President Mike Masters. This year each angler receives a fly box with proven steelhead flies, both traditional swinging patterns and nymphs. Entry fee has not gone up, still \$150 per angler. Also we plan to invite several veterans to join us for a day of fishing and camaraderie, sponsored by local businesses. Seating will be limited, so contact Lee Wedberg to reserve your place.

Manzanita Lake Outing – July 14th

Alone at the Top.

Great time by all (of me): It was a very beautiful day. I was greeted by clear, bright blue skies, perfect temperature of 70 degrees during the day and 48 at night. Absolutely perfect conditions with just a very gentle breeze on the water made it a most enjoyable day. The majestic view of Mt. Lassen in the eastern sky above the lake helped make it a real wonderland. I met several members from other clubs in the Northern California areas. Rob from the Bay area made me a real believer in the dry fly fishing for the German Brown Trout in this lake. We had a great time sharing time and information. Then I met a relative of our club member Dave Roberts. Seems his son is married to Dave's daughter. I watched him hook up no less than 10 straight casts. Subsurface growth was all over the lake, so we stayed with dry flies, Callibeatis patterns worked very well. It was very hard to keep some of the larger 18-20" browns out of the grass and weeds. Lots of break offs occurred, but many browns still came to hand. It was a noon time bite that lasted several hours. Later on I shared an evening by the campfire with my beautiful wife.

On Sunday we hiked the Bumpass Hell trail to the miniature Yellowstone area of Mt Lassen.

The only thing that could've made it a better trip would to have spent the time with others of our club.

Sorry you couldn't make it.



Mike Masters – Alone at Mt. Lassen

SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is September 11, 2012. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

There will be no meeting during July or August. Enjoy your summer and bring some great stories to the next meeting.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass

August Outing, Sky Lakes Wilderness

We will head to the Sky Lakes Wilderness Area for our August outing. The Southern Oregon Flyfishers will join us for a hike into the Sky Lakes Basin on August 18. This beautiful basin has a number of lakes which have good populations of brook trout and a few rainbows as well. From the Cold Springs trailhead, it is by far the easiest access into the Sky Lakes Wilderness. We will have an easy hike of less than three miles with minimal elevation gain into the basin. The mountain trail sets off amid mountain hemlocks and red Shasta fir up to 4 feet in diameter. Expect ripe red and blue huckleberries along the trail.

Our goal will be Isherwood Lake, an 18 acre lake that supports brook and rainbows in the 12-14 inch range. In addition to Isherwood, there are several other fishable lakes a short hike from Isherwood. Those that want to spend the night in the basin will need to bring the appropriate backpacking gear. We will be practicing "leave no trace" camping. For those that don't, it is a short enough hike that it is easy to make a day trip.

We will meet at the Apple Peddler Restaurant in White City (on the west side of the Hwy 62/Hwy 140 intersection). Come at 7:00 AM if you want to eat breakfast. Otherwise, be there by 8:00 AM.

Bring your usual stillwater trout gear: 3 to 5-weight rods; floating, clear intermediate, and sinking lines; and an assortment of flies. The brook trout in these high lakes tend to be opportunistic feeders, so a wide variety of flies will likely work. Small black or olive woolly buggers and leeches, small nymphs, midge patterns, damselflies, callibaetis emergers and adults, and terrestrial patterns (ants, beetles, yellow jackets) would be good choices. Bright attractor patterns can also be effective. Don't forget to bring your favorite dry flies - elk hair caddis is mine – they can be very productive when the sun is off the water or there is a light chop.

Although there is some bank access, a float tube or inflatable raft will be a useful asset at Isherwood. Be sure to bring sunscreen, insect repellent, food, water, and appropriate hiking gear.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting. Contact Jerry Haynes if you have questions.

Jerry Haynes

Steelhead Clinic

Mark your calendars for August 25 for the how-to-catch-steelhead clinic. We will explain and demonstrate gear, tactics, and strategy for newcomers to fly fishing, and also for experienced anglers who may be new to the Rogue Basin. Participants at previous clinics have given very positive feedback and we shall do our best to get you started right. Be at the upstream end of TouVelle State Park (Day Use Permit required) at 9:00 A.M. on the 25th. Formal presentation will be completed by lunch time, with demonstrations and informal tete-a-tete in the afternoon

Fourmile Lake Outing Postponed

For those planning ahead, we have an outing to Fourmile Lake scheduled for September 15. I am the host for that outing and now have a conflict. I have been unable to find anyone to take over the outing, so it will be postponed (unless someone contacts me and offers to be the host). Due to other activities on our calendar, it will be rescheduled to a date October.

David Haight

Casting Changes

In the middle of the summer the heat keeps everyone away from the Wednesday night casting except the instructors, Otis and John. Accordingly they are suspending the classes until September 5. That class will concentrate on two cast and a mend you need to know to effectively indicator fish: The Reach Cast; Tuck Cast and Stack Mend. We look forward to working with you on those cast so you can catch more fish! Meet us at Hawthorn Park at 6:00 P.M. on September 5.

On The Fly

August 2012

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Stillwater Siren

Hook: Daiichi 1530, 2x long wet, size 14 to 20.
Thread: 8-0 red.
Tail: Natural ostrich herl tips.
Body: Natural ostrich herl twisted with fine wire.
Hackle: Partridge dyed brown.



Tying Instructions

- Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.
Step 2: Start the thread just behind the hook eye and lay down a thread base rearward to the point just above the hook barb.
Step 3: Select 3 ostrich herls, even the tips, measure for one shank length, and tie in as a tail on top of the shank, just above the hook barb. Do not trim the excess ostrich herls
Step 4: Cut a length of fine wire and tie it in on top of the hook at the base of the tail. The excess should be pointing toward the rear.
Step 5: Grab the 3 herls and the wire and take one wrap over the hook shank at the base of the tail then grab the herl tips along with the wire in your hackle pliers and twist them into a loose rope. Wind the rope forward in touching turns to a point one eye width behind the hook eye. Tie off and trim excess.
Step 6: Select a partridge feather with barbs long enough to reach the base of the tail. Prepare the feather and tie it in by the tip. Take two turns stroking the barbs to the rear on each half turn. Secure with thread wraps and trim the excess.
Step 7: Form a neat small head, whip finish, and cement.

My research on the Stillwater Siren did not reveal the inventor of the pattern but did enlighten me about the importance of the aquatic insect it was suppose to imitate, the Callibaetis emerger. There is no insect more important to the western Stillwater angler than the Callibaetis Mayfly and here's why. No bug dominates more stillwaters. It is highly tolerant of ecological extremes and can inhabit the worst of conditions but thrives in the best conditions. The Callibeatis is available 365 days a year and it predictably hatches throughout the entire fishing season. It acts in predictable ways and trout key in on that predictability. It is a member of the Baetidae family of mayflies who are multi brooded which means they mature very fast and several generations will emerge in a single season.

As the majority of nymphs drift up from the weeds and converge on the surface, so do the trout, Here the feeding is easy, and at times gluttonous. The fish disregard the nymphs and duns to feast on the hapless emergers. The emergers can neither swim or fly away and the trout feed at their leisure. This months pattern, the Stillwater Siren, does a great job of imitating this vulnerable stage. The natural has a slender body with three equal length tails that are as long as the body. Gill fringes each flank of the abdomen. The sweeping antennae are over twice as long as the head is wide. Those features describe the Siren very closely and the soft hackle adds life and movement to the deception. The trout don't seem to be too picky when it comes to coloration of the artificial. Matching the bottom's natural hues seems to be universally accepted by even the most finicky fish. The nice thing about fishing emergers is that exact size isn't too important. Just keep this in mind, the naturals get smaller as the summer turns to fall when a size 20 is common.

So the next time you're on your favorite pond or lake and the trout stop hitting on midges or whatever, have some of these babies in the fly box. More than likely there is a Callibeatis hatch happening under the surface and the trout are completely distracted by their favorite meal. The Stillwater Siren is an easy tie using common materials. So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com)
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Poppers for Bass and Panfish

Tech Report #20

Luhr Jensen Co., Hood River, Oregon
Summarized by Otis D. Swisher

This Oregon-based fishing tackle and accessories Co., has issued a series of 20 Tech Reports. Herein, I summarize and quote brief portions of the one for fly fishers who wish to get the most out of fishing top water poppers for warm water fishes (primarily bass, crappie, and bluegill).

Rods - 8.5 - 9 feet (Ed: Wgt and length to match the fish and popper size)

Lines - floating

Leaders - 8 to 10 feet, and 8 to 10 # test

Bugs/poppers - work them to produce either soft or loud noises

"If you miss the first strike, keep the popper in the same area and work it gently as you will often hook the fish on the second or third attack."

"The majority of strikes (will occur) within a foot of where the lure originally landed."

"...make sure all hook points are needle sharp."

Basic technique:

"Cast near likely looking cover."

"(wait) for the rings to disappear."

"Twitch the rod tip softly producing another set of rings."

"Wait for that set of rings to disappear."

" Then,...a few fast pops for (a) foot or two."

"Vary your retrieve."

"...imitate an insect or frog in trouble."

Where to fish: "Weedy ledges, lily pad beds, weed beds, under overhanging trees, brush piles, near docks, pilings..or natural structures, around trees or logs, off points, in cover and near underwater islands

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Fish poppers, "On days when water is calm."

ADDENDUM: Valley Ponds to Fish: Emigrant and Agate Lakes; Expo 5 pond at the Fairgrounds near Central Point Exit 33 off I-5; Denman Management Area ponds in White City; Medco Ponds between Prospect and Butte Falls; Hyatt Lake; Lost Creek Lake; Applegate Lake.

Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic 2012

On July 18th we once again celebrated together at Emigrant Lake. There were approximately 35 club members and guests. It was a great evening along the lake shore. Along with chicken, many side dishes filled the two picnic tables set up along with the chicken. Lots of stories were shared amongst the crowd. Some very good fishing tales, vacations, and upcoming trips were also told. The club signs were up and really showed well (thanks again Dave H. for the work you had done for those signs).

Mike Masters

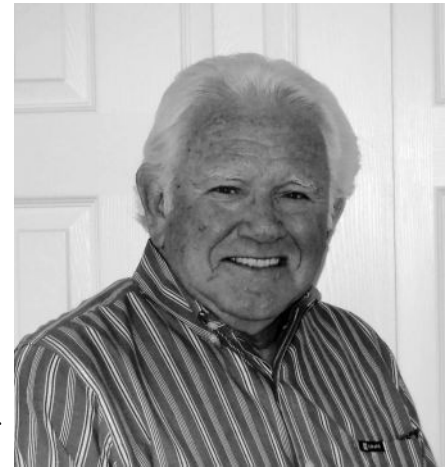
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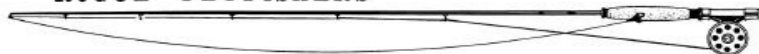
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DATE	KEY CONTACT	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	RFF PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in July, 2012	John Ward, Board Member and Conservation Chairman 541-482-2859	<p><i>Activities Performed by Conservation Chairman:</i></p> <p>1) Continued to participate in Oregon Solutions WISE Project (Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy) in Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek Watersheds. In-Stream Committee reviewed draft formula which at range of values provided 3 stable tiers of ranked streams; need to refine water quality, fish habitat and Parks & Recreation metrics where increased flows would show benefit to six fish species, and to public users. Also need to agree on consistent names for tributary streams, and resolve issue of comingled natural flow and irrigation flow waters (1 meeting). Agriculture-Irrigation Committee hosted Gov Kitzhaber on tour of Oak Street Dam, and after review BOR's Values Planning document agreed all 11 items need to be evaluated. Results from July 30-31 meetings will be reported in September, 2012.</p> <p>(1 meeting). Project-wide partners will continue review of 21 tasks in draft plan through end of 2016 for funding EIS, tasks leading to Record of Decision (ROD), and Organizational Problems to be resolved over next 4 years. The one demo irrigation district piping project to be completed in 2 years to confirm shared benefits to in-stream flow, pressure piped irrigation for ag, and municipal storm water capability will take one more meeting. Review of draft RFF Declaration of Cooperation statements likely will be reviewed at August, 2012 Board meeting for this 15 to 20-year project.</p> <p>2) Participated in discussion of regulations suction dredge operators now must meet, and evidence of compliance. Impact of suction dredgers on completed restoration projects needs study and analysis.</p> <p>3) Attended Bear Creek Watershed Council meeting on Whetstone Creek restoration to benefit coho. Arranged joint meeting of Upper Rogue Watershed Association Coordinator with Seven Basins Watershed Coordinator to clarify shared boundary. Attended Upper Rogue Watershed Association meeting to discuss next steps on Elk Creek restoration.</p> <p>4) Attended four Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions, and one Shady Cove Water Taskforce Plan Meeting. Shady Cove has asked Land Use Board of Appeals to remand their denial of Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and denial of residential zoning that would permit building up to 240 dwelling units on about 20 acres on the Rogue.</p> <p>Attended a Shady Cove Community Planning Workshop at invitation of City Administrator. Issue is Planning Commission did not recommend a Riparian Ordinance by June 30, 2012 as requested. The next CPW meeting will be held in September..</p>	John Ward

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Renew in December for the following year.

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