



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.

PROGRAM

An Evening With The Rogue Flyfishers

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This month we are pleased to announce that our speaker will be club member **Peter Tronquet**. He will be discussing the Native Fish

Society River Stewards, a program that operates in 4 states and features local wild fish and wild river advocates who are dedicated to protecting their home waters—grass roots activism at its best. There will be a power point presentation of various River Steward projects in the northwest and photos of pristine Russian steelhead rivers that have never seen a hatchery fish.

President's Message

Good News – Not so Good News

Two thoughts are on my mind. Summer Steelhead season is kicking off and I am off to the Hospital to have my knee fixed. Good News – not so good news. I am going to be off for a couple of weeks starting about the time this article makes its way to the newsletter. Please save some Steelies for me.

The second item is that I have accepted a new position at work. (GOOD NEWS). It also means that I will miss all the dinner meetings until January 2015.(not so good) I have discussed this with the board at our July Board Meeting and they are all willing to pitch in and help out. I will still manage to hold down the fort, just not in a visible way at the meetings. Kellie is going to step in and run the club meetings for me. She has proven time and time again that her heart is really focused on keeping the club in great shape (more good news).

The really good news is that this new position will actually enable me to retire sooner. (I hope).

More good news is that I will be able to fish more and with a repaired knee on top of that.

I am going to really be able to assist Will Johnson with the Steelhead Tournament. By the way the date for it is set for OCTOBER 11th. Lots of details will be forthcoming on that. However, speaking of it I have been contacted by 2 club members already who are willing to row and share their boat for our fund raiser. My goal is to increase the amount of fishermen this year.

Keep your Drag set correctly.

Mike M.

How Your Investments Relate to Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing and the bond market

Fishing conditions are inversely affected by river flows. When water flows increase, fishing conditions usually decline due to a lower fish density. The higher volume of water increases the ratio of square feet of water per fish, which is why fishing usually isn't as good when the water is high. To the contrary, low water brings fish closer together and gives the fisherman greater access to more fish per sq. foot of water. Bonds and fly fishing are quite similar. If you own bonds, they are affected by fluctuations in Interest rates. If interest rates go up, the value of your bonds will go down, lowering the value of your portfolio. The reason? People are not going to pay the same price for your bond when they can buy a bond that offers a higher interest rate. Your bond, which has a lower interest rate, isn't as appealing to other investors, so the value goes down. Get more interesting fly fishing concepts and how they relate to your financial plan at Adam's newsletter website at www.flyfinancialadvisor.com



Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He teaches fly fishing for the City of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.

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The Grapevine Remembered

by Donald K. Denman

Otis Swisher's article about the Grapevine brought back many happy memories for me. This section, which totally vanished after the 1964 flood, I remember well!!

My father, Kenneth G. Denman, who served on the Oregon State Game Commission for 14 years, and who practiced law in Medford until his death at age 59 in 1962, was Aubrey Norris's closest friend and fishing partner. Together, they waded the Rogue and caught large steelhead from Jackson Falls to the Grapevine until his death. It was my privilege to do much of the same with Aubrey after Dad died.

Dad moved to Medford in the summer of 1930, and asked Vern Van Dyke, owner of Lamports Sporting Goods, where to fish for steelhead. Vern told him to go across the street and meet Aubrey. He did and their long friendship began.

The actual Grapevine Area started half a mile below Toggery Bill Isaac's home and ran about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the mouth of Little Butte Creek which came in about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile above the old Military Bridge, whose abutments are still visible. It was tough wading, but worth it. Dad and Aubrey actually sewed on a piece of canvas about 10 inches wide to their waders (later on my waders too) so they could wade deeper and cover more of that slippery bedrock. Jackson Falls, which lay about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Dodge Bridge about where the head of "Alley" now is was also a great producer, but tough wading.

Dad kept a diary of his fishing from 1930 -1962. Not many steelhead were released in those days, and he recorded their weight, what fly and what he fished with. Ten or twelve pound fish were large, but not unusual. I still have that diary. There is a picture taken by Aubrey of a very large steelhead he caught at Jackson Falls on the wall of ODFW Headquarters at the Denman Management Area, which was named for him after his death.

The 1955 flood eliminated Jackson Falls, and partially altered the Grapevine Section. The Game Commission, over Dad's objection, had allowed a gravel operation on the management area right below Toggery Bills, which created several ponds. The idea was to plant warm water fish in the ponds. However, the ponds were much too close to the river.

The 1955 flood caused some degradation to the Grapevine area, and the State then built Pattigan's Berm, which was a 15 foot wide berm extending far into the river to try and stop erosion and divert the water back to the Grapevine area. This berm gradually eroded until it was reduced to 3-5 feet in width after the winter of 1963. The local Izaak Walton Chapter and others urged the state to strengthen and widen the berm. A large gathering of locals and state and federal officials met for a barbeque lunch at Charley Pattigan's home to discuss the problem. I remember standing on the berm in July as the State Hydraulic engineer assured us that there was nothing to worry about, since the river wouldn't erode the berm further. Even as he was speaking, one could see a few rocks and gravel slipping away. The December 20, 1964 flood took out the berm and completely eliminated the Grapevine. That stretch of bedrock, which Aubrey, Dad and many others of us loved and enjoyed, was the finest piece of steelhead water in the upper river.

Aggressive wading was the only way to cover all of this area. Aubrey and Dad fit the bill with the extra 10" of waders along with good caulked boots. I'd love to step into the upper Grapevine this evening, cast into those productive guts, and nail a ten pound fish again!!

*****For those members who may not know, Vern Hooker is the founder of the Rogue Flyfishers.
Refer to the history section of the web site*****

OBITUARY FOR MARION "VERN" HOOKER

*With your counsel You will guide me,
and afterward receive me to glory.*

Psalm 73:24

Marion "Vern" Hooker, 91, of Eugene, Oregon, went home to his Lord and Savior on July 13, 2014. During his last days, he was surrounded by his beloved wife and family; for whom he lived, laughed with, and loved.

Vern was preceded in death by his father Lewis, mother Violet, and two sons, Vern and Harold (Sonny).

Vern was born in Mankato, Kansas, and by the time he was 6 he had moved with his family to Wyoming where he worked hard alongside his father to clear and homestead the land. At the age of 17 he packed his bags and headed off to serve his country during WWII, where he was stationed in the Panama Canal. He served as a Master Sergeant over 150 army soldiers in the Panama Jungle from 1939-1944.

Filled with a spirit of adventure, Vern left for Alaska to explore an exciting new frontier. Always a very hard worker he had many jobs during his time there, including gold dredging, where he met his dear friend Charlie. He and Charlie, both similar in their passion for adventure, worked together to build their own cabin where they lived together and trapped animals and traded their pelts.

Vern married Edith Towlerton in June of 1956 and for more than 58 years they remained loving, dedicated partners and best friends.

He is survived by his wife Edith; his son David of Portland, OR (wife Cindi, daughters Cassandra and Victoria, granddaughter Brooklyn) daughter Marian (Mary) of Orlando, FL (husband Mike Russell, son Shane and wife Anna, grandchildren Jude, Job, Levi, Millie, and a soon to be born grandson Eli) daughter Cheryl Hooker-Talbott of Walla Walla, WA/Eugene, OR (children Cameron and Jordan Talbott, grandson Roran) and daughter Rebecca (Becky) of Eugene, OR (husband Jim Ogden, daughter Grace, granddaughter Sophie), granddaughter Carey of Valdez, AK; (husband Ricky Wade, children Peyton and Rylee), grandson Jesse of San Diego, CA (wife Elin Hooker).

Vern worked as a salesman for all of his life. In 1973, he and Edith started their own business, Grip & Lift Sales Company (now Galifco Oregon). Through hard work and with great integrity they created a successful business which carried them into retirement.

Vern was an avid fisherman, belonging to both the McKenzie and Rogue Flyfishers organizations. He found great joy on the water.

A strong and dedicated man, Vern turned his heart and life over to Jesus Christ in 1972. Vern was a very dedicated and loyal friend and family man. His final wishes were only that we love and care for each other. He is one of a kind and he will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held July 26, 2014 at 11:00 am at Emerald Bible Fellowship, 1855 Cal Young Rd, Eugene.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Vern's testimony written by his wife, Edith:

"In the early years of his life, Vern felt no need for God or Christ. He was perfectly capable to run his own life, in his thinking. As he put it, 'I didn't have anything against God, I just didn't have any need for Him. I knew how to take care of myself.' But God had a greater plan, and in 1971, he moved us to Medford. There, in 1972, He called and Vern responded...his life was changed forever, in an instant. The 'old man' was changed into the 'new man'. And now he is enjoying his Savior face to face, his faith has become sight."

Vern Hooker remembered

I visited with Vern two or three times in the weeks before he died. We had a great time reminiscing and sharing our memories of the good old days. Initially my intention was to gather information and pictures of the early days of the McKenzie FF and invite him to the McKenzie Flyfishers 50 year anniversary picnic. That's when I learned Vern was seriously ill and contacted you (thanks for the DVD). At my final visit It was obvious to me, and I'm sure Vern and Edith, he was not going to get better.

Here is the notice of Vern's death and my remembrance of Vern sent to the McKenzie Flyfishers Google group. I had Edith and Mary review it. They encouraged me to share it with the members.

I lost track of Vern and his family when he moved to Medford. By the time he moved back to Eugene he had given up flyfishing. I visited him a couple of times and took him to a Flyfishers meeting but could not convince him to rejoin. I think he was having severe back problems and didn't think he could negotiate the uneven ground or unstable boat. My tribute to Vern is from my recollections of the early times at Davis Lake and the Vern I knew in the 60s and 70s.

Bill

Start a little earlier, stay a little later, wade a little deeper, cast a little farther—just one more cast.....

Vern Hooker, one of the original members of the McKenzie Flyfishers passed away last weekend. Vern was a very active member in the McKenzie Flyfishers during our formative years. When, in the early 1970s, his business ventures took him to the Medford area he discovered there were no flyfishing clubs in Southern Oregon. So Vern organized one based on his experience with the McKenzie Flyfishers - The Rogue Flyfishers.

Many of the senior members of the McKenzie Flyfishers will remember Vern as a dedicated and persistent flyfisher. For several years Vern and his family spent almost every weekend camping at Davis Lake. Vern was known to spend all day, from dawn to dark fishing Davis Lake. Rain or shine, good fishing or bad fishing, nothing discouraged Vern. None of the other club members or regulars at Davis could out-cast, out-last or, out-fish Vern. No one could match his endurance and stamina. . Occasionally napping in his boat Vern would only come ashore when it was too dark to see his fly, and only when Edith ran out of diapers would he even consider heading home.

Vern was an adventurer. He loved exploring new areas and researching new techniques. His dedication to flyfishing would get him in trouble occasionally, wading too deep and swimming back to shore, staying out on the river too long to make it to the boat landing before dark, or bushwhacking cross-country to locate a hidden mountain lake or unexplored section of a wilderness stream. While some saw his adventures as reckless Vern always saw them as a challenge?

Vern Hooker was 91.



Menu for the August meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2014



Chicken Enchiladas , Spanish Rice, & Refried Black Beans
Tossed Green Salad with Dressing , Chef's Choice Dessert
Coffee, Decaf and Iced Tea



Please let Kellie know if you wish to order a Vegan, Vegetarian, Lactose or Gluten Free Meal by calling her at 541- 776- 4094 or emailing her at kclmbr@msn.com. Please try to notify her of your wishes by Monday, August 18th.



STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT – 2014

Wow, lots of summer run fish already. Join us and help this fund raiser be a huge success.

We are looking for boatmen. Come row, row; row your boat down the river with 2 fisher people in it.

We are looking for Fishermen and Women. \$150 will get a spot in a boat.

Prizes consist of Custom made rods by our very own Bob Claypool. The fisherperson with the longest fish and the one with the most combined inches of multiple fish caught will have Bob create a rod for them.

You can start signing up immediately by emailing me or Will Johnson at the Ashland Fly Shop mmasters2243@charter.net or will@theashlandflyshop.com

We have two oarsmen signed up already. We need lots more. Give it a thought and help us succeed once more. Bring your boat and have a great day on the water.

Seats could be limited so I suggest signing up early. One of the 2 boats is full already. Keep the sign ups coming.

Dinner will be a BBQ. More details to come.

Thanks to Robert Parker

A special thank you goes to member Robert Parker. He is helping me with the newsletter since I am out of town this month. He will be handling the hands on at the printer this month. He has also been helping, in an ongoing basis, with the fish counts on the web site.

What a huge help! **Thanks, Robert.**

The editor

Auction success

Last week, I cashed in on the guided trip to Klamath Lake donated by Jack Patterson for the RFF Auction. Besides revealing secrets of Klamath Lake fishing, Jack also treated me to a great night at his cabin that included a wonderful dinner and beverages and a bacon & egg breakfast. And the fishing wasn't bad either: we landed 12 including this 24 incher. Best trip I've ever had.

Jerry Haynes



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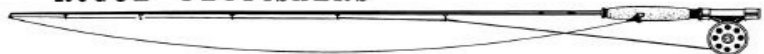
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