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## PROGRAM

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE DAISY CREEK VINEYARD



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 6:30 PM Dinner and Meeting  
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 675 Shafer Lane Jacksonville, OR 97530  
 Phone: 541-899-8329

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**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** because this is a catered event. We will be taking reservations for the Wine Dinner until Noon Friday, August 1. You can email Theresa Schumacher at: [tms1910@icloud.com](mailto:tms1910@icloud.com) or call 541-702-2153.

## **President's Message—August 2015**

How many of you, as a child, remembered a trip to the circus-your little heart hammering hard in your chest as you watched the terrifying trapeze artists so high in the air, the elephant riders lifted onto a beast whose foot was literally twice the size of your entire body? Or the “Lion Tamer” who brought forth the terrors of a bad nightmare? Then the best adventure of all, you discovered reading. You realized you could travel to the circus or anywhere in the world and anywhere in time by simply opening a book. Life got a whole lot bigger and way more interesting.

I read of people who risked everything, battled everything and somehow survived. Sailors in the seas for days after their ship sank, not by choice. Someone making it to the top of Mount Everest braving elements and dangers I could not comprehend, because they wanted to! Why? Helen Keller, blind and in constant danger (so sad and unfair!) and I asked “WHY?” People in feathers, fur and reeds jumping to certain death, determined to fly. I asked why? Why them? Astronauts headed into endless black space hoping to make it back because they chose to do it. People in other parts of the world battling bitter cold, relentless heat, dangerous predators, scavenging for food, and contaminated water-death and dying everywhere, just trying to survive another day. Where was/is their choice? Aviators that flew into the sky whose airplanes were never seen again. Children who disappeared, families who vanished without a trace. They did not choose their tragic ends. Gunfights, scalping's, drownings, cannibals, religious sacrifices, slaves, martyrs, falls, fires..... And the triumphs! Electricity, automobiles, airplanes, rocket ships, radio, televisions, polio vaccines the world was unbelievably enormous and terrifying and mind bogglingly complicated to a child, like me. And filled with questions.....

I saved their stories in my mind—a little compartmentalized “box” containing, perhaps, the words “How?” and “Awe” and “Hero” and “Miracle” with several exclamation points at the end. But the label on that box was always a bold black and underlined **WHY???** Why was I born safe and secure and lacking for nothing. Why did I not have the misfortune to be born where mere survival *was all there was* and some horrific death inevitable? And why, would others born to such an easy life like me, CHOOSE, willingly to risk it all to fly, to try, to climb, to tame, to train to conquer to ??? Why didn't I invent something that changes lives, or conceive of something way out of the conventional box? Why hadn't I been forced to risk it all? Why, why why? And then more questions.....

Is it the same for all living things? On some instinctual level? Mammals, birds, reptiles and fish? Leopards to lizards, polar bears to pigeons, bison to ants, eagles to minnows, urchins to protozoa? All life on this planet-just trying to survive or having no choice? If all living things could ask “why?” or “why me?” would they? Do they? This “circle of life”- this “natural order” is cruel and relentless and horrifying. To choose with daring and bravery an endeavor which will perhaps bring the end of life, WHY? What makes one living thing have no control over their chance to survive while others make the decision to choose? I understand the dangers of trying to accomplish something for the greater good but still I ask why? Why them and not me?

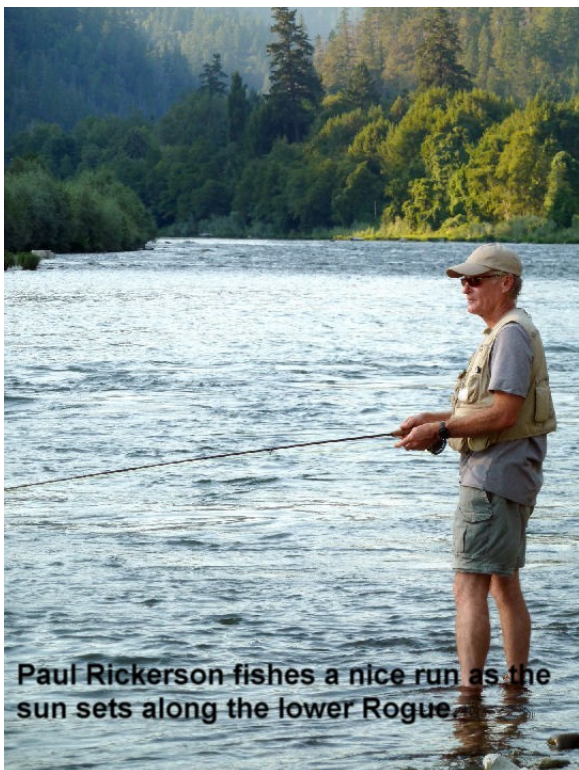
My adventurous spirit is overcome by my desire to live. If I were forced into the ultimate challenge for survival I know I would fight and fight hard to survive. But I leave it to others to CHOOSE to push the envelope, imagine the impossible, conquer the unobtainable and survive, against all odds, against all hope, against forces beyond their control and then to share. They write books, and now blogs. They take photographs and make movies and host discussions and blow my mind. Amid all these unimaginable feats, that question that has haunted me all my life-that “why?” has been restructured revisited and refined to “How?” How do they choose? How do they risk failing? How do they succeed? Nowhere is this struggle of survival more inspiring than in the following article by Michael Gorman. Click on the link below, and see if you don't end up with the same jaw dropping admiration that I have. See if your own question is not a “why?” but a giant, bold, underlined **HOW?** Only after reading it will my message have any meaning.....

[http://gormanflyfishing.com/the\\_steelhead\\_life\\_cycle.htm](http://gormanflyfishing.com/the_steelhead_life_cycle.htm)

-Kellie Christensen



## Lower Rogue Halfpounder Outing August 29 and 30



Paul Rickerson fishes a nice run as the sun sets along the lower Rogue.

The Rogue is one of only a few rivers that support a unique run of young steelhead that return to the river after spending only a few months in the ocean. These 12 to 16-inch fish, known as halfpounders, spend the fall and winter in the river before returning to the ocean again prior to their first spawning run. Halfpounders are great gamefish. They eagerly take flies and fight like crazy once hooked. When the fish are in, the action can be fast.

The Rogue Flyfishers will host outing on August 29 and 30 to fish for these miniature steelhead. We will meet at the Cougar Lane Restaurant in Agness (located on the south side of the Rogue River a short distance above the mouth of the Illinois River) for breakfast at 7:00 AM each morning. Those that don't want to eat should arrive by 8:00. After a short discussion about equipment, flies, techniques, and locations; we will head to various access points along the river. There is a lot of good bank access in the Agness area, as well as several good drifts for those with boats.

Agness is a little less than three hours from Medford over the Bear Camp Road, so it is possible to get an early start and just come over for a day. For those that want to spend the night, there are plenty of options. There are Forest Service Campgrounds at Quosatana Creek and Foster Bar, the Agness RV Park (541-247-2813, [www.agnessrv.com](http://www.agnessrv.com)) is next door to

Cougar Lane, and rooms are available at Cougar Lane (541-247-7233) as well as several other lodges in the area. A good selection of motels and restaurants are available 28 miles downstream in Gold Beach as well.

A six-weight rod with a floating line is ideal for halfpounders. Light-weight Spey or switch rods also work well. The traditional way to fish halfpounders is to swing standard steelhead flies through runs and tailouts. Good patterns include Golden Demon, Del Cooper, Skunk, Silver Hilton, Burlap, Brindle Bug, Tiger Paw, Golden Rogue, and Red Ant, all in Size 8 or 10. Nymphing is productive as well, even during the middle of the day. Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Copper John, Bloody Mary, Glimmer Nymph, and Flashback Nymph in size 10 or 12 are good choices. Chinook salmon will be in the river as well, so you may also want to bring along a heavier outfit.

Halfpounders are the fish that put the Rogue River on the fly fishers map. If you have never fished for them, you really should give it a try.

David Haight, Outings Chair

A promotional graphic for the 2015 International Fly Fishing Fair. On the left is a diamond-shaped logo for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, featuring a fly fisher and the text '50th INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION', 'AUGUST 13-15', 'BEND, OREGON', and '2015'. The main text reads '2015 INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY HIGHLY ACCLAIMED FLY FISHING INSTRUCTORS'. On the right, it states 'EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AUGUST 13-15 Bend, Oregon OPEN TO THE PUBLIC' with a fly icon. Below that, a list of activities includes 'DEMONSTRATIONS • WORKSHOPS', '1-HOUR PROGRAMS • YOUTH ACTIVITIES', 'WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY • AUCTION &amp; RAFFLES', and '...AND MUCH MORE!'. At the bottom, the contact information is 'INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS | WWW.FEDFLYFISHERS.ORG | 406.222.9369'.

## Terms you should aware of if you are to become a “real” fly fisherman

1. Pole – a term used by new fly fisherman. Correctly it is your ROD.
2. Strike indicator – a bobber used much as a small boy would use to catch catfish in a farm pond.
3. Geronimo – this term is used by new fly fishermen who can't say “CHIRONIMID” but are trying to impress by not saying midge.
4. Egg sucking leech – An important fly. Used often when your wife suggests she accompany you on a fishing expedition. Inform her that you will be using this fly and the desire may wane. Mention mosquitoes or snakes to make a stronger impression.
5. Wind knot – often you will find knots in your leader. A real fisherman knows that they are caused by poor casting but also knows to suggest that the wind caused them.
6. Row vs wade – an ongoing conflict on many rivers. After hundreds of years even the Supreme Court has not sorted this out.
7. That red thingy – The response from the very large first time fishing lady who catches the biggest fish of the evening when asked what fly she used.
8. A River Runs Through It – A book that you will have to read at least once even if you have seen the movie multiple times.
9. Gierach – a famous fly fishing author. Pronounced Gear-ack, Gee-rash, Gear-ack, Gear-ash, Gear-awk, Gear-awsh, take your pick.
10. Piscatoraphobia – that fear you acquire when you realize that there are eight fisherpersons in the run you are fishing and that more than four is too many.

## Smallmouth Outing on the Umpqua



Here is a photograph of club member Don Dabney with a smallmouth bass he caught on the recent outing to the Umpqua River. Fifteen members from the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers attended the outing. The fishing was good--we caught a good number of smallmouth bass including some nice-sized fish.

## Monday Fly Casting



Don't forget to join up with some of the club members to enjoy some fly casting instruction from some of the best. This is held at Hedrick Jr High every Monday at 6:00 PM. The address is 1501 E Jackson St, Medford, OR 97504.

See you there!



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Jacksonville, OR 97530

From Medford North I5 Exit, take Highway 238 to Jacksonville. After entering the Jacksonville city limits, at the CHEVRON station, turn left onto Shafer Lane. Daisy Creek Vineyard is at the end of Shafer Lane **BEFORE** you turn right onto Bybee Drive.

From Ashland via South Stage Road, take South Stage Road to Jacksonville, turn right onto Highway 238 (5th Street); take Highway 238 thru town to the CHEVRON station, at the CHEVRON station, turn **RIGHT** onto Shafer Lane. Daisy Creek Vineyard is at the end of Shafer Lane **BEFORE** you turn right onto Bybee Drive.

The dinner will be catered by Rosarios Italian Restaurant, with dinner costing \$22 per person.

This all inclusive cost includes a dinner entrée, garden antipasto or Caesar salad, garlic bread, homemade cookies, assorted sodas, tea, juice, mineral water, and complimentary bottles of red and white wine at the table. Wine by the glass (and bottle) will also be available for purchase from Daisy Creek Vineyard during the social hour. There will not be a formal program or raffle, but members are asked to bring a favorite fish picture or pictures, and a story to go with them.

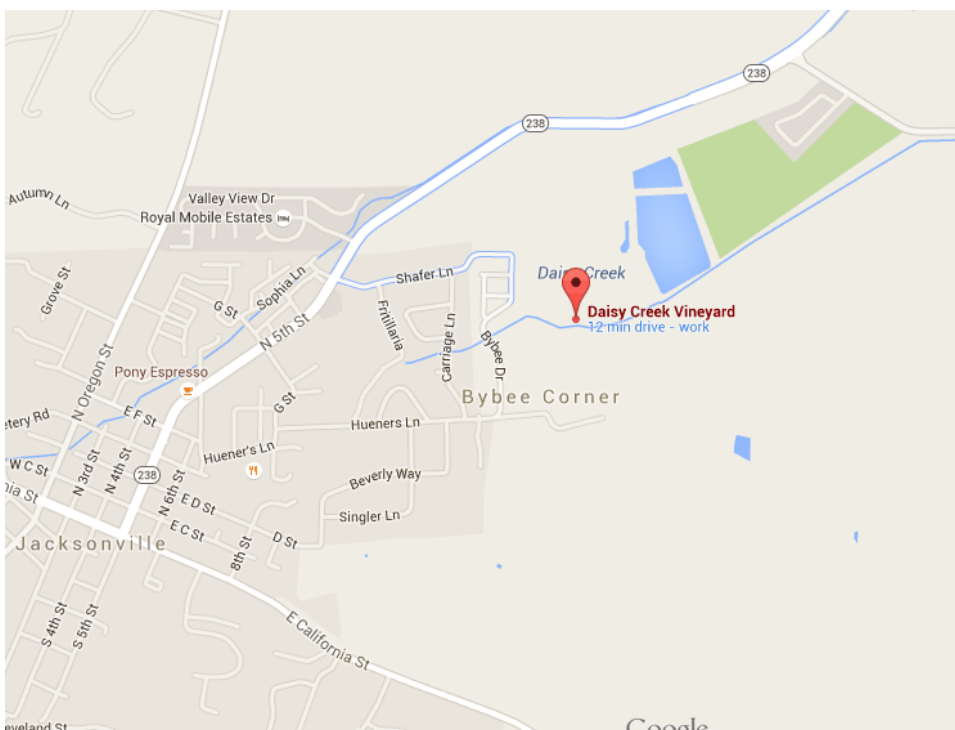
The winery normally charges a \$200 facility fee, but because some of the board members are members of The Daisy Creek Wine Club, the winery is waiving the fee for our event. Bring a friend or your significant other and join us for a great evening at this beautiful Jacksonville venue.

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There will NOT be a general meeting on the traditional 3rd Wednesday of the month in August.



## Double Speak

### (Or, talk like a scientist, talk like a flyfisher)

By Otis D. Swisher

Here's your chance to use your computer to good advantage. Match the language of science, with the jingo of the flyfisher.

#### SCIENCE SPEAK:

1. Oviposit
2. Imago
3. Ephemeroptera
4. Instar
5. Dun
6. Permian Age
7. Only order of insects to hold wings pointed straight up
8. Plecoptera
9. Their larva has 3 tails
10. Subimago
11. naiad
12. First written about in the year \_\_\_\_\_
13. Spinner
14. BWO
15. No match
16. Exoskeleton
17. Pteronarcys

#### JINGO

- a. smoult
- b. emerger
- c. adult
- d. 500 AD
- e. larvae
- f. most adults have 3 tails
- g. caddis
- h. March brown up
- i. 2000 BC
- j. 360 to 300 million years ago
- l. stonefly
- m. royal coachman fly
- n. mayfly
- o. No match
- p. egg laying
- q. 250 to 200 million years ago

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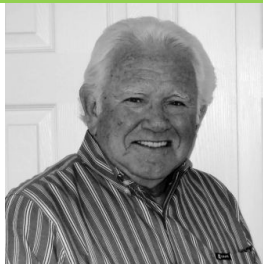
#### Talk like a scientist

1. Tricoptera
2. Imago
3. eclose
4. pharate
5. Pterygote
6. ephemeroptera
7. sub-imago Mayflies
8. 7,100 to 12,000 species
9. hexagenia bilineata
10. caddis fly larvae
11. shadfly
12. rhithrogena germania
13. embryo, larvae, pupa, adult
14. exuvium

#### Fisherman jingo

- a. Mayfly
- b. March Brown
- c. no match
- d. complete metamorphosis
- e. means "with wings"
- f. adult stage
- g. sedgeflies
- h. emerge
- i. periwinkles
- j. empty pupal exoskeleton
- k. trillions show on weather radars

**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



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**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Michael Karpinski

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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,

**List Family Member's Names** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_ **Are you retired?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_

**Do you have a drift boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **lake boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **Interested in conservation?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_ (quickest receipt and saves the club money for other activities and uses, or by **US Mail** \_\_?

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

**Rogue Fly Fishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501**