



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

Join the club for outings and other events through the fall.

We will resume meetings again as soon as possible.



In partnership with
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PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Light Olive Sparkle Dun

Hook: Daiichi 1170 or equal, standard dry fly size 14-22
Thread: Olive, 8-0
Wing: Light gray or dun deer hair.
Tail: Pale gray Z-lon fibers.
Body: Light Olive Antron or dry fly dubbing.



Tying Instructions

Step 1. Mash the hook barb, put the hook into your vise, start the thread behind the thread behind the eye and lay down a thread base on the shank to just above the barb of the hook. Spiral the thread back toward the front to the 2/3 point on the shank. (That's 1/3 from the eye.)

Step 2. Select and cut a small bunch of deer hair from the hide, remove all under-fur and short hair, and align the tips in a stacker. Remove the hair from the stacker with the tips pointing forward and measure it the length of the hook shank.

Step 3. Pinch the hair firmly over the tie-in point and secure it with from eight to twelve more tight turns over the butts towards the rear of the hook. This will prevent the hair from moving around the back of the shank. Raise the butts and cut them at a slant towards the rear, thus helping to form a tapered body when wrapped.

Step 4. Layer thread wraps over the butts and continue to the bend of the hook. Separate a dozen or so Z-lon fibers from the bunch and tie them on top of the hook with the butt end up to the deer hair butts. After securing these fibers, trim the tail to length, one shank long. Now layer thread from the tail to the wing forming a smooth tapered body shape. Remember the natural dun has a slender but tapered body.

Step 5. Twist a small amount of fine dubbing tightly to the thread and wind it forward from base of the tail to the base of the wing to form the body. Use only just enough dubbing to cover the thread base.

Step 6. Separate the rear third of the wing fibers and draw them back with your off hand, forming a gap between the rear third and the front two-thirds. Take a single turn of thread through this gap and seat it tightly to the hook shank. This is critical to hold the wing upright when the fly is fished. Draw the second third of hair back, and take a turn at the gap. Hold all the hair firmly back and take many turns of thread tight against the front, forming a thread dam to prop the wing upright.

Step 7. Add a small amount of dubbing to the thread. Take the first turns tight against the front of the wing, the rest tapering down to the eye. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cement.

The Sparkle Dun style was developed by John Juracek and Craig Mathews of Blue Flies in West Yellowstone, Montana. Actually it is a modification of the Compara-dun style for mayfly duns, which was a modification of Fran Better's original Haystack, which is a common evolutionary sequence for most new patterns. All have deer-hair wings flared in a 160 degree arc over the body and lack hackles. The Haystack has a deer-hair tail. The Compara-dun has split hackle fiber tails. The Sparkle dun has a Z-lon fiber tail to represent the shuck of the nymph trailing off the back of the body of the emerging dun.

The Sparkle Dun floats flush in the surface film and represents an emerging mayfly dun trapped in its own shuck. It works very well if you fish over small mayfly hatches on smooth water. In the appropriate size and color it's a great choice for picky trout on a spring creek or tail-water mayfly emergence.

TYING TIPS

The wing hair for the Sparkle Dun, sometimes called Compara-dun hair, is fine and solid with short black tips. The best comes from the leg of the deer. You can also use natural or dyed coastal deer hair if the black tips are not too long.

This pattern is easy to tie, using only three common materials. My advise, learn this style! once you have it, change the size and colors to match any hatch, anywhere, anytime. So tie some up, give them a test flight.

LIMITED AUCTION!

We were donated a number of items for our annual auction that have time restrictions and/or limited shelf life. So we can get some value from those items, we will take bids via email (preferably) or by phone, through August 31st. To place a bid, please send an email to RFFishers90@gmail.com or call Tim Bolling at 510-410-1738. Make sure you indicate which item you are bidding on, what price you are bidding, and an email address or phone number. You will be notified if you place a bid and a higher bid comes in

ITEM	DETAILS
Get one night free with a two-night stay at GREEN SPRINGS INN & CABINS	Make a two-night reservation and only pay for one night. Cabins rent for between \$ 225.00 and \$ 275.00 per night. Gift certificate must be used by 3-6-2021.
Get 1# of fudge per month through 3-31-21 from Farmhouse Treasures in Jacksonville	\$ 16.00 per month value
Trader Joes Food Basket	\$ 45.00 value. Contains 2 qts Organic Tea & Lemonade, Sauce, Natural Peanut Butter, Salsa Verde (12 oz jar), Superfruit Fruit Spread (10 oz. jar), Pound Plus Belgium Milk Chocolate with Almonds, 6 Blueberry Cereal Bars, 1# Organic Dried Spaghetti, 1# Trek Mix, 1# Organic Yellow Corn Tortilla Chips, and 1# Chocolatey Cats Cookies for People
8 can case of Double Haul IPA donated by John MacDiarmid	\$ 16.00 value
2-12 oz bags coffee from Good Bean Coffee	\$ 22.00 value
2 boxes Single Serve coffee pods from Good Bean Coffee (10 pods per box)	\$ 20.00 value
1 Box of Each Kind of Girl Scout Cookies donated by Sarah (and John) Pogue	\$ 42.00 value
Dinner for Two at Jacksonville Inn	Maximum value \$ 80.00. Excludes alcohol and gratuity. Expires 2-25-21
\$ 20.00 Gift Certificate at Las Palmas Restaurant	Expires 2-28-21
2 Rounds of Golf with Cart at Mount Shasta Resort	Weekdays only. \$ 126.00 value - Expires 12-31-20
Kelly's Automotive Service Gift Certificate # 1	Lube, oil, filter – \$ 39.95 value - Expires 11-1-20
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Kelly's Automotive Service Gift Certificate # 3	Lube, oil, filter – \$ 39.95 value - Expires 11-1-20

NO MINIMUM BIDS!

With no auction this year, funds raised during this special auction will help us to continue our educational, conservation, and community support grants until we can have our full auction next year.



The Rogue Pikeminnow Roundup:

Help Your local Rogue River Salmon and Steelhead

Catch and Remove Non-Local Umpqua Pikeminnow, Win Prizes, Help Fish



What's a Pikeminnow? Why should I Harvest and remove them?

Pikeminnow HAVE NOT historically inhabited the Rogue River. Umpqua Pikeminnow were brought over illegally from the Umpqua River decades ago. These "non-local" fish make it more difficult for Rogue River fish to thrive – be it from competition with juveniles or direct predation on juvenile fish.

Where can I find Pikeminnow?

Pikeminnow are most often found in large deep pools, softer water, and eddies. They are prominent from town of Gold Hill down-stream well past Graves Creek. Pikeminnow used to thrive in the impoundments created behind the mainstem dams on the Rogue which were removed from 2007-2010.

What do they like to eat? Bait? Flies?

Larger Pikeminnow are known to prey upon juvenile Salmon, Steelhead, and other native fish...even crayfish. Common bait is chicken liver, worms, crayfish tails, or even cheese balls. Dime to quarter size bait works well. Keep unused bait as cold as possible when not on hook.

Small flies fished at the bottom of an eddie or softer water works excellent for the fly angler.

What kind of gear would you suggest?

10-15lb mainline, light to med action rod tip, 6-8lb monofilament or fluorocarbon leader, #1 or #2 hook, weights 1/2 to 2 ounce (depending on current more may be needed). Use an egg loop on your hook to help keep bait longer (bait nets work well too). Barbless hooks encouraged but not mandatory.

Follow all Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

Is there incentive to catch pikeminnow?

By removing Pikeminnow from the Rogue River, you are helping reduce predation upon juvenile Salmon and Steelhead...

And yes...You May Win a Prize...!!

Basic entry rules for a chance to win prizes

- Contest Runs from August 1 through August 30 2020. Winners announced Sept 4, 2020, with drawing for random prizes and announcement of contest winners.
- Go fishing...better yet, take a friend or kid fishing on the Rogue River. Only Pikeminnow harvested from Rogue River via hook and line with a valid Oregon sport fishing license are eligible. All adult entries must submit their Hunter/Angler ID # with contact information. No license necessary for youth under 12.
- Anglers can choose to participate in all Four options: (A) is a random drawing for photo of your days catch, participants in any other option are automatically entered, (B) Largest pikeminnow contest (in inches), (C) Best daily 5 fish aggregate bag length/weight combo (D) most pounds of pikeminnow accumulated per angler over entire contest.



Umpqua Pikeminnow were illegally introduced to the Rogue River around 1978 near Wolf Creek in a farm pond.

Thanks to these supporters:



Bradbury's Gun-N-Tackle, Grants Pass
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Local Guides:
RL Guide Service
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Best Practices:

Do not confuse Pikeminnow with similar native look-alike species



Umpqua Pikeminnow: Harvest these fish

- Mouth in front of face
- Black dot on fork of tale
- Insertion points of dorsal and anal fin almost overlap

Vs.



Klamath Small Scale Sucker: Release these fish

- Mouth on bottom of head - "sucker"
- Anal fin and dorsal fin are strongly not overlapping at any point, even when folded



...Entry Rules Continued

4) Anglers will be broken into Youth and Adult Entries for Options B and D. Youth will be considered as anglers under 12 years old.

5) Options A, B and C can be submitted via email or in-person. Options B, C & D can be submitted in person at a check station. See Rule 6 and 7 for details.

6) Submit online entries through Aug. 30th for options A, B & C to: RoguePikeminnowRoundup@gmail.com
Video option C may need to be shared via google drive

7) Submit in-person by brining Frozen or fresh fish to either of two separate check stations, every Sunday in August (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th). Volunteers will be on hand to weigh and collect fish from 12pm-4pm. Please practice social distancing and wear a face mask during check in, for everyone's safety.

Fish can be brought to:

- Wildlife Images 11845 Lower River Road, Grants Pass, Oregon
- Bradburys Gun-n-Tackle 1809 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass, OR

Winners will be notified via contact information provided during entry submission. Names of winners from Options B, C, and D will receive name on trophy for "Top Rogue Pikeminnow Anglers!"

4 OPTIONS TO WIN!!

Option A – Random drawing for days catch

- Take photo of your days catch of Pikeminnow.
- Submit photo in email, along with your Hunter/Angler ID #, and contact info and where you fished for day. Youth don't have ID #. One entry per person. All entries will be entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Option B – Largest Pikeminnow (length)

- Adults, any Pikeminnow over 15 inches in length, consider entering into the "big fish contest." No minimum length necessary for Youth.
- Measure from tip of nose to fork of tail, on flat surface.
- Take photo of fish from above with length clearly visible; Nearest half inch counted.

Option C – Longest 5 fish bag

- Longest 5 fish bag turned in, in-person, or online. In Person may submit ever week if they choose.
- Online submission is allowed one time. Online submission must be less than a 30 second video showing all 5 fish lined up nose to fork of tail, left to right, with a tape measure clearly indicating total length of the 5 fish. Camera should start at first fish's nose and "O", then slowly pan from left to right, pausing at last fishes forked tail and total measurement, and then pan out to show all fish.

Option D – Most pounds of Pikeminnow

- Most pounds of Pikeminnow in aggregate, fresh or frozen turned in over the duration of contest at a check station; Anglers can turn in weekly.

Anglers are always encouraged to harvest and remove Pikeminnow while fishing in the Rogue River.
Use angling gear and methods appropriate for targeting Pikeminnow. If encountering lots of juvenile salmonids, move or change technique.
Dispose of your Pikeminnow in your home garden. Do not leave dead Pikeminnow at boat ramps or in trashcans near public areas.

Outings: Recent and Up-Coming

With the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, we have been able to do very little as a club—no meetings, auctions, picnics, and so forth. One of the few things that we have been able to do is hold outings. In July, Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle hosted a great outing to East Lake. About 30 members from the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers attended and had a great time. We were not able to have the group meals that we had on previous multi-day outings, but we were able to enjoy fishing and properly-distanced socializing in a beautiful place. Each morning, big rainbows and browns would patrol the shallows feeding on Callibaetis mayflies offering some exciting dry-fly opportunities. In the afternoons, the fish tended to feed along the bottom in deeper water, making suspending midge and nymph pattern just off the bottom the technique of choice. The fishing was not easy, but the group managed to catch some very nice trout.

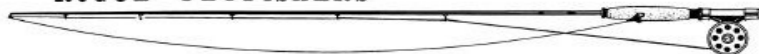
Our next outing will be to fish for trout in the Rogue River and tributaries near Union Creek. This joint outing of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Flyfishers will be held on Saturday, August 22. We will meet in the big parking lot at the entrance of the Union Creek Campground, off Hwy 62, at 9:00 AM. The Rogue River offers good fishing for stocked rainbow trout and has some naturally-produced brook and brown trout. A few of the larger tributaries are also stocked with rainbows, but most of the tributaries offer fishing for naturally-produced trout. Brook trout predominate in the cooler, higher-elevation streams, with rainbows, cutthroats, and browns being more abundant as you go down-slope.

The streams we will fish will be fairly small, so this will be a good opportunity to break out your lightest trout outfits. Bring your floating line and an assortment of dry flies, wet flies, and nymphs. The wild fish tend to be opportunistic and the hatchery fish are not particularly sophisticated, so general attractor patterns work well. For dry flies, Adams, Elk-Hair Caddis, Humpies, and terrestrials should work. For wets, soft hackles should be effective. The typical small nymphs—Hares Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince—all typically work well. Flashy nymphs, like Copper Johns, seem to work especially well. If you have a Euro-nymphing rig, there will be good places to use it. In addition to your usual fishing accessories, also remember to bring food, water, bug repellent, sun screen, a light jacket, and rain gear if thunder storms are a possibility. Most fishing can be done from shore; however, there are places you may want to wade. You can use waders or wet wade, but the water will be cold.

The Rogue River up on the National Forest is a beautiful place to fish with plenty of good access. Fishing is usually good, and should be even better this year since ODFW is putting the fish that were slated to go to Howard Prairie into the river above Prospect. Another advantage of heading to the Union Creek area, it is much cooler there. A point that seems especially relevant since it is 106 deg. F outside as I write this.

David Haight, Outings Chair

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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.

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