

AUGUST 2022

# Rogue Flyfishers

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

**No Meeting This Month**

Up Coming Outings

Sky Lakes

August 13-15

Lower Rogue  
Half pounders  
17-18



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## President's Message from David Haight

I have talked with quite a few club members that have been enjoying some great fishing, both locally and on trips out of the area. Conditions on the Rogue River have been good, and so far, the number of summer steelhead returning to the Upper Rogue are the highest we have seen in years. While the prime time for steelhead fishing is always off, the season is off to a good start. The trout angling is holding up well in the higher elevation lakes, and big redband trout are biting well in the cool-water areas around Klamath Lake. Fishing for smallmouth bass in the Umpqua River is great now. With plenty of places to fish from the bank, large pools that can be fished with a variety of watercraft, and several options to float sections of the river, the Umpqua is a great destination during the summer.

The club's outing to Upper Klamath Lake on July 13 was a fun event. Thirteen of us meet at Rocky Point and fished near the cool springs at the head of Pelican Bay. It was a nice day, and we caught a good number of large trout in the four to eight-pound range.

Our next outing will be August 13 – 14, when Jerry Haynes will lead us into the Sky Lakes Wilderness Area to fish for rainbow and brook trout in several of the alpine lakes. Jerry has scouted out the location and selected an area with a short hike to the lakes. Participants will be able to either camp in the Forest Service campground at the trailhead and walk to the lakes from there each day or backpack in and camp near the lakes. Look for details later in this newsletter.

Our next dinner meeting will be September 21 at Centennial Golf Club, and then on October 8, we have our big fund-raising auction. It is vitally important that we get good attendance at our dinner meetings and the auction so we can get the club back to where it was prior to the pandemic. If participation from our members doesn't improve, we risk losing Centennial as the venue for our monthly meetings, which would be very unfortunate. It will be pretty much impossible to find another venue that offers us what Centennial does.

Tim Bolling and his team have procured a trove of great items for the auction, and have the facility and services in place for a fun event. Now we need the club members to fill the seats. Make your own reservations, and invite others you think would be interested. Due to the disruption caused by the Coronavirus, our last auction was in May 2019. Because we have missed two years of fund raising, the club has had to cut back significantly on the grants we have given out for education and habitat improvement projects. We are counting on a successful auction to allow us to resume supporting these projects that will benefit our fisheries.





## **2022 FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND DINNER**

**OCTOBER 8, 2022**

**JACKSON COUNTRY EXPO**

**PADGHAM PAVILION**

**Doors open 4:00 PM**

**Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction close 5:30**

**Dinner Buffet (by Back Porch Bar & Grill) at 5:40**

**Live Auction starts at 6:45**

**Tickets are \$ 30.00 and are now on sale**

**For additional information contact Tim Bolling, Auction**

**Chair at [RFFishers90@gmail.com](mailto:RFFishers90@gmail.com)**



# Another Fishy Story

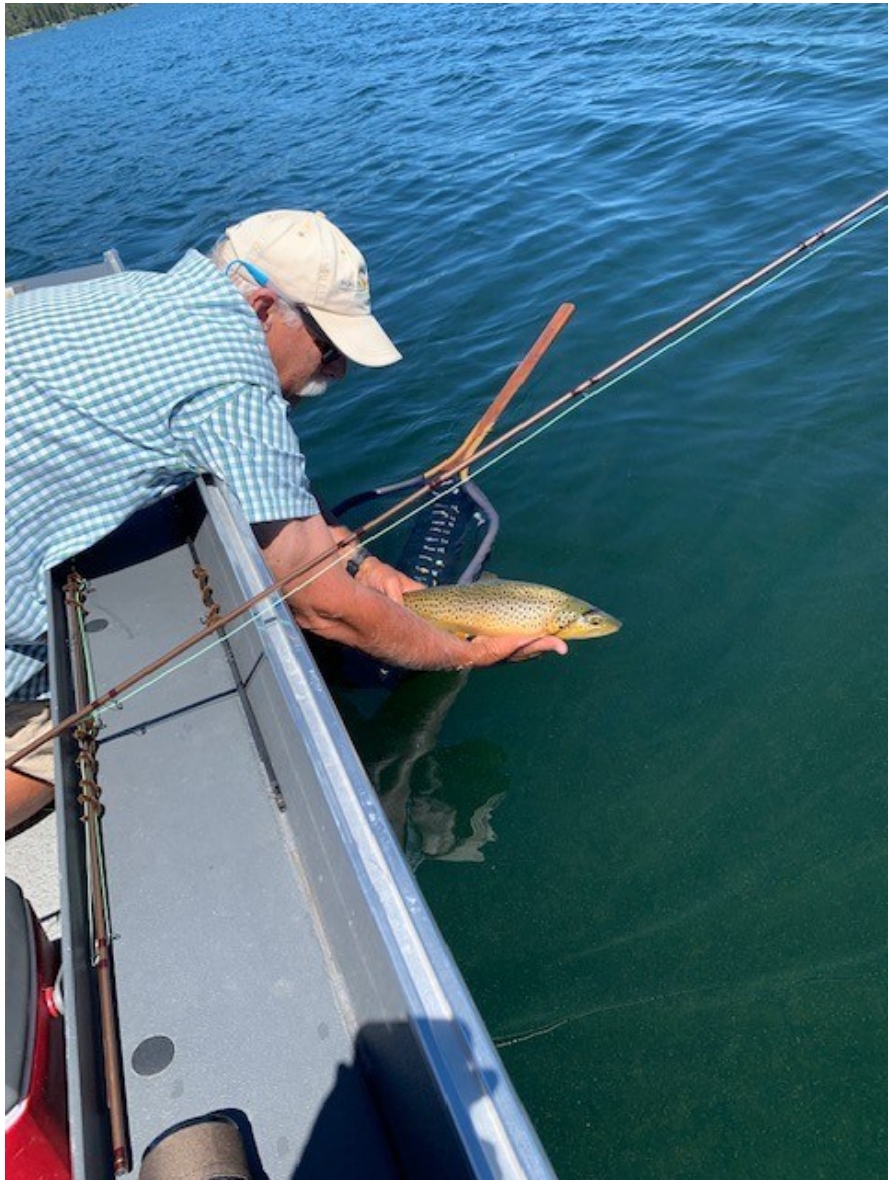
## It all started at the club picnic.

by Tom Collett

Steve Day offered the club a lake trip to auction at the picnic. With Steve's reputation this was hard to resist so Harry Foster and myself determined to win it so we did. We patiently waited for the right time and location to be revealed by mother nature. Then it came .

Keith Hardcastle insisted that we use his boat which is a larger and wonderful boat to fish three people. So Harry and I go to Keith's house to hook up with Steve and the boat. We were soon at to the lake and quickly on the water. We get to the spot and by accident we had found Chuck Huntington's fabled secret spot. And to our surprise Jim Ulm and Rex Thompson were there as well. But what about the fishing?

Now we come to the tricky part. If the trip sounds too good to be true, and then if Steve offers another trip in the future the bidding will just get more competitive driving the price sky high. If I reveal the location and the flies we used then Chuck will be upset and who knows for how long. What I can say is that everyone caught fish. There were times when the fishing was full on and times when it slowed or shut down. We had Rainbows and Browns and the Browns were that beautiful deep rich mahogany color. The Rainbows must have thought they were circus performers and put on quite the show. Were the fish of a respectable size. Oh hell yes!! The fisherman stand out for the day was hands down Rex.



Steve and Chuck have both given presentations on lake fishing. If you listened to what they said then you know what we did and how we did it. We all know that the fish live in the water so just go there and do it. It is now time to reflect on a fabulous day and the benefits of belonging to the club and go get some spicy Mexican Food and a cold beer. A big thank you to Keith and Steve.

# Want to win a fishing trip with Jim Ulm?



Everyone who makes a reservation for the Auction and Dinner by 8/29 will be entered into an “Early Bird Raffle” for a Rogue River fishing trip with Guide Jim Ulm! Tickets are \$30.00 each and reservations should be sent to [RFFishers90@gmail.com](mailto:RFFishers90@gmail.com). See the August newsletter for Auction details.

# AUCTION NEWS

Tickets are now on sale for our Auction and Dinner to be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson County Expo. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible as the Jackson County Expo and Back Porch Bar & Grill need to know attendance much sooner than we've needed to know for previous Auctions.

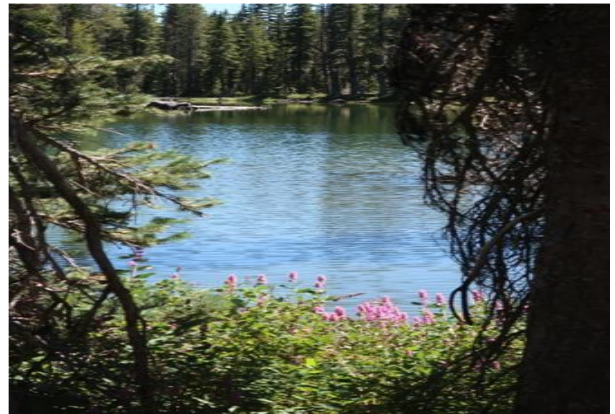
While the Auction Committee is still out gathering donations, we've already got lots of great items. Whether you're interested in a guided or hosted fishing trip, casting or fly-tying lessons, or looking to upgrade your fishing gear, this is the event for you. Plus, we have food, wine, restaurant certificates, automotive care, rounds of golf, lodging, and plenty of other non-fishing items. And yes, we will have the famous "Rockin' Rainbow" once again!

Contact Tim Bolling at [RFFishers90@gmail.com](mailto:RFFishers90@gmail.com) for reservations **NOW!**



# SKY LAKES OUTING

August 13-14, 2022

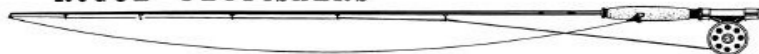


Sky Lakes Basin lakes, top row Heavenly Twin Lakes, South Twin; Lake Notasha; bottom row, Isherwood Lake, Lake Elizabeth,

Come join us for an adventure into the Sky Lakes Wilderness August 13 and 14. The Sky Lakes Wilderness is a 1½ hour drive from Medford and is home to dozens of alpine lakes, most of which are teeming with trout. You can't drive to these lakes, but you can easily hike into many of them.

We will be entering the Sky Lakes Wilderness at the Cold Springs Trailhead. From there we will hike into the Sky Lakes Basin on a level well-graded trail to access a half dozen lakes all about an hour's hike in. You can hike in and out and fish just for the day. Or *like me* you can car-camp at the trail head campground and hike in and out to fish both days. Or you can go old school and backpack in and camp at one of the lakes. A float tube or other PFD would be useful but there will be opportunities to wade fish as well.

## ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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## Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| The Ashland Fly Shop  | 399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland | 541-488-6454 |
| The Fishin' Hole      | 21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove             | 541-878-4000 |
| Rogue Fly Shop        | 941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass           | 541-476-0552 |
| Rogue Valley Anglers  | 218 E. Main St., Medford             | 541-973-2988 |
| 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](mailto:jimulm9@msn.com)

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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** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_ or by **US Mail** \_\_\_?

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

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