

# Rogue Flyfishers

DECEMBER 2015

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

### ***“REFLECTIONS”***

***Our annual Christmas Dinner is  
on December 16th at the  
Rogue Regency  
5:45 to 9 PM***

*Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual “end of the year” dinner. Club members will share some of their personal stories and anecdotes and our festively decorated room will help to make your holiday. This is a wonderful festive evening of comradery and sharing. Club Members will share highlights of the past year and there will be goodies for everyone.*

***PLEASE BRING YOUR  
SPOUSES/FAMILY MEMBERS***

*Award for Outstanding Club Member  
will also be given out at this meeting.*

**Hope to see you there**

## President's Message

My thoughts this month are turned to the great blessing the outdoors can be for families. In our recent survey we did in September's dinner meeting, you suggested that we reach out to families to grow and create a more vibrant club. I look back at all of the hunting and fishing trips that my father would take me and my brothers on. It was truly a bonding experience for all of us. I look at many of my other friends who come from families who are also passionate about the outdoors. It seems that those who are, usually turn out to be great individuals. The outdoors truly refines us. It is our goal to promote the club and the sport of fly fishing in our community, especially among families and kids.

Being part of the outdoors makes us happier. Studies suggest that for youth the outdoors relieves stress, promotes confidence, and helps with their social skills.

Some studies even suggest that the outdoors can help children become smarter as this promotes brain stimulation. Exploring in nature sparks curiosity as they learn how insects, animals, and vegetation all interact one with another. The richness of the outdoors is far more stimulating, and gets the mind working more than only watching TV or playing video games. Studies suggest that kids who play and learn on a regular basis in the outdoors take these outdoors skills with them to the classroom. It is said that kids who participate in the outdoors have higher school achievements and have higher test scores too.

Probably the most important benefits that comes from spending time in the outdoors with your family are the memories and bonding that occurs through family togetherness. Research suggests that our kids feel more respected and cared for when adults they respect, spend time with them outdoors. As a result, kids learn how to behave and interact better with their peers. They learn how to communicate and engage in conversation. Beyond family, a sense of connection and respect for others is developed. In turn, everyone ends up benefiting; communities, families, and all individuals alike.

I thank you for your desire to help promote the club and the sport of fly fishing in our community, especially among families and their kids. It is at the forefront of the many goals we have as the board of this club.

Adam Wright

## **Talent Irrigation District Action**

In my just received newsletter from Talent Irrigation District I notice a couple of interesting jobs have been or are being completed by the District. Some of you may already be aware of them.

Bureau of Reclamation removed the Ashland Creek Diversion. This was completed last August. A second project is the requirement of Reclamation that began in June to rebuild the Oak Street Diversion to improve fish passage. That project is still underway.

A third project being worked on is the development of a Reed Protection Plan for Emigrant Creek below Emigrant Dam.

Also mentioned in the newsletter is the fact that the Klamath River Adjudication is still on-going as the many groups involved search for a solution that satisfies all.

Thank you Talent Irrigation District for aiding in our efforts to improve streams and in improving fish habitat.

Dick Chambers

## **SCIENTIST LEARNS TO FLY FISH THE CROOKED RIVER: SHARES ALL**

### **Or Early publicity on the February Program and a review of a "must have" Oregon fly fishing book**

John MacDiarmid

In his professional life John Anderson was an aquatic entomology professor at U.C. Berkeley for many years. He retired to Bend in 1993, took up fly fishing and joined the Central Oregon Fly Fishers. The blend of this professional work and the enthusiasm for the new sport of fly fishing produced a must have book for all of us:

*Fly Fishing Oregon's Crooked River, Insect Drift and Seasonal Fish Diets as a Guide to Successful Fly Fishing*

The 129 page self published book is professionally done and contains many colored plates and tables. It may be ordered from the author at his home address: 61040 Minaret Circle, Bend, OR 97702.

The cost is \$21.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling, or you can wait till Feb. and buy it direct from John when he comes over for our program. That will save you the \$5.

John and volunteers, mostly from the Central Oregon Fly Fishing Club, collected macro invertebrate species and counted their numbers in three different mediums over 15 months at two different locations below Bowman Dam on the Crooked River. The extent of the collecting and counting is just amazing. Volunteers held 4 collecting nets in the middle of the river to sample the natural drift. They sampled for 30 minutes, 3X a day (morning, afternoon and after dark) once a month for 15 months. They also counted the bugs on the bottom at the sampling sites for a total of 130 collecting events. AND they opened the stomachs of 620 fish over the 15 months at the two sights. All the bugs were put in alcohol solutions and latter counted and reported, by season and location and in the case of the fish whether they came from White Fish or Rainbows. Want to know what those fish were eating each season? Want to know HOW MANY of what bug they ate at what site? The results are all reported! If this was not enough of a contribution to the fly angling world, the professor took the study and report two steps further. He reported the flies, with color plates, that are most effective each season for mimicking the bugs and he has a section on how to fish them! This is a text book for the Crooked River that has significant application to other western rivers with the same hatches.

## **New Year's Day Chili Feed**

The Rogue Flyfishers and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will meet at the Holy Water, as we have been doing for over 20 years now, to celebrate the New Year with a chili feed. We will meet on New Year's Day at the picnic shelter near the parking lot on the south side of the Holy Water. The fire should be going by 10 AM, and the chili will be served about noon. There will be opportunities to fish both before and after we eat.

We need volunteers to bring pots of chili. To make things a little more interesting, and to encourage more people to bring chili, we will again award a small prize to the person the group decides made the best pot of chili. We also need a person or two to bring fire wood. Others can help out by bringing cornbread, salads, desserts, or other items to share. The clubs will provide hot drinks and table service.

The Holy Water has been producing some large fish again this year. During the winter, drifting midge patterns under an indicator is normally a productive technique. Stripping or drifting small marabou leeches, woolly buggers, or nymphs along the bottom can also be productive. If the weather and flows cooperate, we could have a blue-winged olive or midge hatch. If you are going to fish, remember to get your 2016 fishing license.

The Holy Water Chili Feed is a fun way to celebrate New Year's Day, and there is no better way to get a new year off to a good start then by going fishing. Bring a pot of your favorite chili, and you could take home the top honors from the chili contest.

David Haight, Outings Chair

## **Fly Fishing & Tying Materials Swap and Sell**

There will be a Super Duper Fantastic Fly Fishing & Tying Materials Swap and Sell Meet on Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 9 am until 4 PM at the First Baptist Church of Medford, Oregon.

This will be like a garage sale, where items are sold, but you can also trade and barter. Rods, reels, lines, leaders, float tubes, pontoon boats, oars, anchors, waders, clothing, feathers, fur, hair, vises, tools, flies, fly boxes, books, knives, anything related to fly fishing or fly tying.

Setup will begin at 7 am, and take down must be completed by 5 pm, but you may take down sooner if you desire.

Admission and selling is no charge.

Please, no explosives, firearms, or ammunition.

This will be sponsored by Rogue Fly Fishers, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Southern Oregon Fly Tyers, and any other clubs or organizations that want to participate.

First Baptist Church is located at 649 Crater Lake Ave., Medford, OR, 97504.

Tables will be provided at no cost and are available beginning at 7 am on January 23, first come, first served.

A maximum of 2 tables may be used, until 9 am, at which time all unused tables will become available. Tables measure 8' by 30". A few smaller tables may be available.

You may bring and use your own tables and/or displays.

Lots of chairs are available.

Bring your own electrical cords.

Coffee and water will be available, but bring your own food and snacks.

You may call Dale Heath at 541-973-3490 or email [deheath504@gmail.com](mailto:deheath504@gmail.com) for additional information.

## **Charter Member Don Denman**

Charter club member, Don Denman, passed away November 21, 2015. He was not only a charter member, but remained a member for his lifetime. Always active in the conservation field, he spent many years as a member of the Fish and Wildlife commission.

During his time at the Fish and Wildlife, his guidance helped shape the rules that have protected the fish that we hold dear. Mark Freeman from The Mail Tribune carried a full obituary for Don. It can be found at the following link:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/article/20151124/NEWS/151129793/101033>

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:

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