

Rogue Flyfishers

DECEMBER 2016

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 21st at The Point***

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***

Hope to see you there

Message from the President

Although I will continue as a member of the Rogue Flyfishers board for 2017, this month's meeting will be my last as president. Having served as president for two years in the early 2000's, I never expected to be in that role again, but when I was asked to step in last January because the previous president had to suddenly move out of the area, I am glad I did. It has been a very enjoyable year and I want to publicly thank the board and the general membership all the support and encouragement I have received this past year. I believe the Rogue Flyfishers has an outstanding board of directors and I am continually amazed with the knowledge, skills, effort and enthusiasm they bring to the club. Without going into great detail, I believe the club is well positioned to continue for many years to come. Membership is slowly increasing; the club is very stable financially with money enough to support the causes and projects we all believe in, outings and events are being offered on a regular basis, and our monthly meetings offer good fellowship and guest speakers who enhance our knowledge of when, where and how to fly fish.

Of course, there is always a need for volunteers to help carry out the mission of the club. In that regard, I urge all members to try to get involved in some aspect of club in the coming year. With the fact that we now have a dinner quota to meet each month, that involvement can be as simple as attending the monthly meetings so the club does not have to pay for meals that were not purchased. And, of course, buying some raffle tickets helps with our bottom line. There are 3 other volunteer opportunities that stand out for the coming year. One is to plan and lead a fishing outing. Another is to volunteer for the conservation committee. Lastly, there is a need for someone to be chairman of the Steelhead Tournament, the club's second largest fund raiser.

Our November meeting saw the election of board members for the coming year. We are pleased to welcome new members Alex Rachowicz and Don Dabney to the board, as well as returning members Keith Hardcastle, Jon Iverson, David Haight and myself. At this month's board meeting, officers for the coming year will be determined.

Traditionally, the presentations at the December meeting are done by members. If you have had an experience or fishing adventure that you would like to share with others, please let Will Johnson know. It can be something as simple as telling a story or putting on a slide presentation. Just let Will know what equipment you might need.

Another issue that needs attention is selecting the Outstanding Club Member of the Year. This not always an easy thing to do because so many people contribute to the success of this club each year and sometimes it is hard to just pick out one person. You will find a nomination form in this newsletter and if you so choose to nominate someone, fill it out and get it to a board member. The nominations will be discussed at a board meeting and a deserving recipient will be chosen and then presented at the next general meeting.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the coming year. By now you should have received a renewal form in the mail with a return envelope. Now is a good time to write a check and send it in. The names of those who have paid by January 1 will be entered into a special drawing to be conducted at the January meeting.

On a personal note, if I have regret this past year, it is the fact that I did not have the time or writing skills to adequately address the many environmental issues surrounding the sport of fly fishing. I take a number of fly fishing magazines, as I am sure many of you do, and most of these publications have outstanding conservation writers. At times the problems seem overwhelming and I think following quote from Jack Williams of Trout Unlimited magazine puts some of it in perspective. He writes, "Increasingly, the future of trout fishing is being driven by forces beyond the realm of fishery management. If we want good trout fishing in our future, we must expand our vocabulary beyond catch quotas, gear restrictions and stocking practices and become more conversant in the lingo of water supplies and disaster preparedness. How we manage our water supplies and prepare for large and damaging floods, drought and wildfires increasingly will shape the fate of our trout fisheries"

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President's Message (continued)

In the face of the over-whelming issues and needs, what can we do as individuals? One of the first things we can do is to be informed. A major thing we can do, of course, is be in contact with our elected officials and urge them to act in a way that helps insure the future of fishing. The other is to join one, or many, of the environmental groups that are working so hard to repair, protect and enhance our water ways, our public/private lands and our air quality. Realizing that there is strength in numbers, I would urge all members to join one or more organizations that promote the values we hold dear. At the top of my list is Water Watch, an organization founded by a former president of the Rogue Flyfishers. Water Watch has been instrumental in the fight to keep water in rivers, lakes and stream and the organization has been very successful in causing fish killing dams to be removed. It also works hard at the legislative level to help shape and protect the state's water use laws. Join as yearly member, or, better yet, contribute on a monthly basis. Your money will be well spent.

Two other organizations that do tremendous work are The Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited. Both those organizations work at a national level and keep members informed through their excellent publications. Add to the mix Oregon Wild, The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, The Native Fish Society, League of Conservation Voters (a bit more political, but great for identifying candidates who are strong on conservation issues) and many more. It is simply a matter of choosing one that fits with your interests and beliefs and sending a check.

Once again, thanks you all for a most enjoyable year and I wish all a happy holiday season and the best of everything in the new year.

Jack Patterson

Board Elections

After considering all of the names of club members who might contribute to the Board of Directors, and verifying with each of them that they are willing to serve, the Committee recommended the following slate of nominees for election to the Board.

- Jack Patterson
- Keith Hardcastle
- Jon Iverson
- David Haight
- Don Dabney
- Alex Rachowicz

By unanimous vote, at the November meeting, the full slate of candidates were elected.

The RFF-Cascade Christian High School Connection

For several years some of our members have been helping out with the Fly Fishing Class at the high school. Dale Heath has a long time involvement and is teaching the fly tying. Similarly Bob Claypool has been the lead person on fly rod building and each of the 18 students are presently building their own rods under his watchful eye. This year John Corson is an instructor and John MacDiarmid comes in once a week to teach the casting. They will be moving the casting inside the gym for the winter. In addition to each student obtaining a fly rod, the school instructor Dave Fennel also wanted the students to have a reel and line as well. When he reached out to our club for financial help, our Board responded with a \$1,000 donation. Congratulations RFF members for giving back to the community.

There are 2 requests for volunteers at the 2017 Fly Tying Expo in Albany

General Volunteers

The 2017 Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo, will be held March 10 and 11, 2017 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon.



The Oregon Council International Federation of Fly Fishers sponsors the Expo. Proceeds are used for scholarships, conservation grants and grants to IFFF member clubs. One of the major keys to making this event a success is the volunteers.

We are asking for your support again in 2017. All volunteers will receive a badge, free admission to the Expo and a commemorative pin.

Just reply to this email saying that you will help in 2017 and I will add you to the email list to sign up. The different positions and time slots available will be sent to you and you can also choose your time slot after the classes are posted. This will give everyone a chance to sign up for the classes they want and then choose the day (s) and times you wish to volunteer.

We are once again offering everyone the ability to purchase a monogrammed Expo shirt with your name on it before the event (to be picked up at the Expo). There will be an easy way to place your order on our website. The deadline for ordering shirts and more information on sizes will be posted on our www.nwexpo.com at a later date.

Friday night Reception has gotten very popular and we are adding to the fun by moving the normal Saturday night Banquet to the Friday night Reception. Reception tickets will be \$5.00 each and will be also be available on our expo website. www.nwexpo.com

Please reply to this email so we can start building our volunteer list for 2017 steelefly@msn.com or just call at 541-549-2072

Please forward this email to all you club members and anyone else you think might be interested in being part of our event,
Sincerely, Sherry Steele – 2017 Expo Chair

Class Volunteers

Please find the 2017 ORCIFFF NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo Instructor Packet - here <http://nwexpo.com/2017-Expo-Instructor-Open-Invitation.pdf>. It is being sent to you as an active member of the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Some of you may have conducted classes for the NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany in the past, and I am sure most of you have not. The Expo is scheduled for March 10th and 11th of 2017. Your assistance in either volunteering to instruct a class or perhaps to either pass this on to someone you know that would be able to teach a class on Fly Tying or on Fishing Techniques or Locations to fish would be greatly appreciated as we still have some class slots in the schedule available. This event is not only of tremendous value to the Expo, but offers our ORCIFFF membership and the general public an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the sport of fly fishing. I hope you can join us this year or assist us in finding people that would provide a class for us.

Please give it some thought and if you can help us out by either volunteering to teach a class or help us identify a possible instructor it will be greatly appreciated. If you want to volunteer fill out the attached form and send it to me ASAP. If you know of someone else, either pass on the Instructor Packet to them, or give me their name and contact information so I can in turn contact them. We hope to open the classes up for Registration by the end of December, so the sooner I have your input the better.

Thanking you in advance for your participation and assistance.

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Hey, its Auction Planning time – May 2017 and we are looking for a few things.

1. If you have some spare change, we are asking again for donations to help us cover the expenses for the Auctioneer and our new Auction Venue this year. Gifts last year were made in amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, and we had one Gift of \$200. Thank you again for those donations. Perhaps this year we can yield a little more as we continue our desire to build our Auction into something that lots of our neighbors would want to join in.
2. The Auction will be at the **Jackson County Expo's "Padgham Pavilion"**.
3. The Pavilion offers unlimited parking, NO STAIRS to climb, much larger facility for displays, and a room to hold up 150 -200 people.
4. We will be having a Professional Auctioneering Team again. This was truly a huge benefit to us all and helped us get done on Time last year.

Please consider a tax deductible donation for this cause if at all possible. Maybe you won't be able to come to the auction, so what better way to pitch in and help our club out.

Auction items: Maybe you have something that is New or Almost New to contribute. Please consider donating the items. Someone might just be looking for what you have for themselves or for their Children, Grandchildren, or a worthy friend.

We are also looking for someone to aid us in our Advertising.

More info will be coming in the January Newsletter

Please contact Mike Masters if you can help us out in anyway. **If you write a check please make it out to Rogue Fly Fishers**

Mike Masters 541-261-2243 mmasters2243@charter.net

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The club is actively seeking nominations for the Outstanding Club Member of the year for 2013.

Please us the form below to nominate a deserving club member. You can also find a link to the form on the home page of the website.

YEAR 2016 OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

The Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award is given each January to a member (s) as recognition for significant contributions to The Rogue Flyfishers. If you know of a club member worthy of this award, please submit the candidate's name And qualifications to the Board of Directors either by regular mail, email or telephone. The award is given to a paid member who Has contributed to the achievement of the club as set forth in the RFF bylaws, Article 1. You may use the form below and mail it to:
Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, OR 97501

I recommend the following person or persons for the 2016 Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award:

My recommendation is based on the following:

Kicking off the Second Largest Dam Removal in California

This month, NOAA and partners are breaking ground on the second largest dam removal in California. The Benbow Dam, on the South Fork of the Eel River, is a safety hazard. It also limits threatened Coho and Chinook salmon, and steelhead, from reaching their upstream habitat. Its removal will help contribute to the recovery of these species.

When the dam was built in the 1930s, water built up behind it, forming a 123-acre lake. The lake has been used for swimming and boating, and was also a tourist attraction for the past 50 years.

However, the dam limits access to upstream habitat during the winter. It also prevents water, sediment, and wood (from trees) from flowing downstream naturally. This lack of natural flow has reduced the quality of habitat near the dam.

Before the dam was built, roughly 20,000 Chinook and as many as 17,000 Coho salmon swam past the dam site. In 2010, there were only 1,000 Chinook and 500 Coho in this part of the Eel River.

The dam is also causing safety issues. The banks of the lake have eroded due to the unnatural wave action caused by the lake and sediment accumulation upstream of the dam. The lake is surrounded by redwood trees, but erosion is causing the banks to be unstable, and they are toppling over. The dam itself is in poor repair and could become a liability.

NOAA Fisheries, along with the California Department Parks and Recreation began removing the dam this week. The project will improve passage to nearly 50 miles of high-quality spawning and rearing habitat, assisting with the recovery of salmon and steelhead. The removal will improve habitat in the former lake area. The California Conservation Corps will also plant native vegetation along the banks, along with other measures, to help control erosion.

Posted August 1, 2016 NOAA Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service



NEW YEARS DAY CHILI COOK OFF

The annual new years day chili feed at the Holy Water is just around the corner. Last year the attendance was high and the chili was flowing. RFF and SOFF members are encouraged to bring their favorite chili and enter the cook off. If you don't have a special chili recipe bring cornbread, salads, fruit, dessert, or other items to share. The clubs will provide hot drinks and table service.

We will start the warming fire around 10:00 AM at the picnic shelter near the parking lot on the south side of the Holy Water.

We plan on setting up for serving around noon. Bring a lawn chair if you have one.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Keith Hardcastle

541-878-1471

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shastatrout.com	(530) 926-5763

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:

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