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NEWSLETTER

February 2010

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ROGUE FLYFISHERS

The Rogue Flyfishers is proud to present "Chironomid Fishing in Stillwaters" by skilled fly fisher Jim Ulm



FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th - RED LION HOTEL 200 N. RIVERSIDE, MEDFORD OR

Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 PM - Buffet Dinner and Raffle at 7PM

Here is your chance to learn about the history, techniques, equipment, flies and locations for successful Chironomid fishing in our local waters. Jim has been fly fishing the Pacific Northwest for 40 years, and has a beautiful gallery of photos to share with us. Featured topics include the varieties and stages of midges, strategies and equipment that Jim has found to be most successful, the best locations to fish and for all of you fly tiers, the most effective fly patterns.

This will be a great program and you won't want to miss it!

ONE LUCKY PERSON'S NAME WILL BE DRAWN FOR A FREE DINNER! THOSE OF YOU WHO PAID YOUR DUES WILL ALSO RECEIVE 5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!

Bring your fly and your good luck charm and we will see you there!

President's Message, February

Listen up! Have you heard the good news?
It's time for all of us to pay our year's dues!
Thirty bucks it will take,
Add five more with your mate,
And also the kids you may have if you choose!

Everyone in this club can be pleased and proud. I was just looking at our Treasurer's report to the Board wherein is summarized the financial activity for 2007 and 2008 (2009's report will be forthcoming in due course, but give the man a break! It's tax season!) Of course there are a number of housekeeping expenditures such as Red Lion for our dinner meetings, speaker and other program costs, liability insurance, and a few others. But you should see the contributions for habitat and conservation causes. Every year we give a scholarship to a student enrolled at Oregon State University whom we select in a field related to fish management and angling enhancement. In addition we began making a smaller award to a student at Southern Oregon University. These students usually find careers with O.D.F.W. or related fields where they work on behalf of fish habitat enhancement and protection. Water Watch is another of our regular beneficiaries, and it was Water Watch and relentless efforts of Bob Hunter that were the driving force that ultimately brought down Savage Rapids last year. Among Water Watch's targets for 2010 and future years: Gold Ray Dam and the dams on the Klamath River. Another habitat oriented group is Oregon Stewardship under the guidance of Jim Hutchins, and this group operated largely with volunteer labor but often they need supplies and equipment. RFF is pleased to provide funds for that purpose.

I remember the evening that I first walked into the dinner meeting after joining RFF over 20 years ago; the excitement that I felt is what stands out in my mind. Here were all of these people, and every one of them is interested in fly fishing! In due course I met a couple of old timers who helped me get started fishing the Rogue properly, and also encouraged my participating in the work parties. We built a couple of fish ladders, one on Big Butte Creek and another on Bear Creek in Talent. Those outings are where you meet people with common interests and make plans for fishing a stream or lake locally. In recent years the work of the club has changed somewhat so that now our work parties often target habitat restoration and enhancement, and also now we schedule many more recreational fishing outings. Look at the outings Kellie Christensen and her outings committee have put together, just look at it! We begin with a basic introductory how-to class similar to last year's, finish up with an outing to the Klamath River, and in between are 19 additional outings ranging from easy one-day local affairs to others somewhat farther afield and suitable for overnight camping. We have a vibrant club and you don't want to sit on the sidelines and let it all pass you by. Read the outings list and make plans. And above all...

Listen up! Have you heard the good news? It's time for all of us to pay our year's dues! And the amount of this fee Is tax deductable, you see, So let's all belly up and pay dues!

So Many Fish, So Little Time...

Some anglers swear that cool overcast, even drizzly, weather is best for fishing. Could be. This last month has been overcast and often drizzly, and good for fishing trout during an early afternoon hatch. The bugs are small and gray, probably Blue Winged Olives but I can't swear to it. The best success I have seen is with small soft hackled flies fished subsurface, although floating dries also work. One interesting thing is the high frequency of larger trout, 12 to 15 inches long, and also the number of cutthroats. When no hatch is on, nymphs ought to produce a few fish although that has been slow lately. The usual combination of a weighted stonefly nymph with a smaller unweighted fly of some kind added on the point is as good as any. Lately a Picket Pin on the point has worked well. Thanks in part to Dick Bonamarte for that last tidbit (he donated to the raffle a box of soft hackles including a Picket Pin that caught a whole bunch of trout the last couple of weeks).

February and March ought to see more winter steelhead being caught. They are coming over Gold Ray Dam in adequate numbers and few are finding their way into the hatchery. They prefer to spawn in small streams so many will work their way up the tributaries, but a significant number remain in the river through spawning most of which occurs in early April. You might move up a size in your tippets because these winter fish can test your equipment as well as your skills.

ROGUE FLYFISHERS CLASSES, OUTINGS & EVENTS - 2010

Saturday, February 20th

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS for Beginners – Setup: 9 AM

Class: 10AM to 2 PM (Indoor instruction and casting outside) Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building, near Gold Hill. Bring a sack lunch and notebook. Contact Rich Fiebelkorn or John MacDiarmid for directions.

Saturday, Mar 6th

Miguel's Cup Steelhead Tournament

Winner gets the money! \$5 per person entry fee into the winner's cup!

Friday, March 26th

Applegate "Last Grab Steelhead" and BBQ

Meet in the AM for coffee/donuts and have a BBO after at 4 PM.

Thursday, April 8th

McKenzie River "Fish On" - Joint Outing with SOFF

Saturday, April 17th

Agate Lake--Pan Fish for All!

Saturday and Sunday May 8th/9th

Hat Creek/Baum Lake Outing - A California Classic

Saturday, May 15th

Yamsi Ranch – Joint Venture with SOFF

Thursday through Sunday, May 27th through 30th

Walk the Williamson Outing – Fish and/or camp any or all days

Wednesday, May 19th

ROGUE FLYFISHERS ANNUAL AUCTION - "FIELD OF STREAMS"

Saturday, June 5th

Casting Classes – Regular and Spey at Touvelle – Men's and Ladies' groups

Friday, June 11th

Holy Water Walk and Stalk

Saturday, June 19th

LADIES ONLY Fishing – Hyatt Lake



Saturday and Sunday June 26th and 27th

Adventures on the Chewaucan River - Weekend fish and camp

Friday and Saturday, July 9th-10th

Fishing the Upper Rogue – Come for one or both days to fish/camp

Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th

No. CA/Upper Sacramento Trout – Single day or overnight

Friday through Sunday, July 23rd, 24th, 25th

LONESOME DUCK guided fishing getaway. Limited space available.

Saturday, August 7th

STEELHEAD CLASS – Everything you need to know to catch steelhead

Saturday, August 21st

North Umpqua Expedition – Joint venture with SOFF.

Sunday, Sept. 19th

Rogue Flyfishers Annual Steelhead Tournament

Saturday, September 25th

Half Pounders Haul at Agness - Joint venture with SOFF

Wednesday, September 29th

A Gem of a Day on Diamond Lake

Wednesday, October 6th

HOLY WATER IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND FISH - Instruction and fishing

Saturday, October 23rd

Middle Rogue Steelhead - Joint venture with SOFF

Saturday, November 20th -

Klamath River Bank and Boat – Your choice of where you fish





He's Gonna' Fish

By Otis Swisher

It looks like he's gonna' fish. Think I'll stick around a bit and watch. What matter that it's raining, and hard. That at 1430 hr the light of day has faded. That I have seen no hatch or feeding rises for nearly an hour. That fog has formed a cloud low on the river downstream and that it is slowly moving up to where I am watching from the comfort of my car. He's gonna' fish. I'm gonna' watch

Earlier today, from 1230 - 1350 hr I had done my surface count of feeding fish at a favorite observation hole a half-mile above here. 20 plus fish breaking the surface each 5-minutes of observation was not the best winter activity since the start of "Ought Ten" and the new year. But, fish were actively rising there. Maybe, there will be some late activity here.

He knows how to get prepared for the fishing, all right. His car has one of those huge lift-up back door-and-windows; the kind that lift window and tail gate all in one piece, and provides a large protected cover for him to change gear under without getting wet.

It didn't take 5 minutes to get into waders and boots. He stepped out from under his cover and I was surprised to see that he was not wearing rain gear. Just a khakistyle vest, flannel shirt, and ball cap. And, I remind you "It's raining hard."

When he hit the river at almost a jog, he dropped his knapsack and within 4 or 5 steps into the river he went from ankle deep, to knee deep, to thigh deep, to almost waist deep. No timid, test the water with a toe, here. This young man is an aggressive wader, for sure.

After eight to ten casts without a fish response, he started plowing water. Not just upstream, but also out towards the middle. Waist deep and he's taking long steps against the current. That shows his confidence in his balance.

And, he has balance. No stumbling, catching himself. No waving a rod like a tight-rope walker with a balance pole. Surging. Plowing water. A steady, rhythmic gait taking him upstream until he was lost to sight behind the trees.

A little after 1500 hr he reappeared. He's wading downstream. Waist deep. Matching the speed of the current. It's like he is side-bouncing from a boat. He's keeping up with his cast and covering a hundred feet of bottom or more before the next cast.

Rain hasn't totally let up. Still, out of his car comes a young lady with a small child in a stomach pack/sling. She approaches the fisher. They talk. They smile. He wades, waves, smiles at her, looks over his shoulder at his family, all the while he's fishing.

Then, lo and behold, he nods upstream and she heads up to the knapsack to save him a trip. Wife, mother, and now "gillie" for a fisherman? Such a sight: a baby in a stomach pack, a knapsack on her back, and both smiling up a storm.. That baby will turn out to be an out-of-doors type not bothered by a little drizzle. Of that, I am sure.

I really enjoyed watching all this unfold. I hope I've been able to paint an interesting word picture for you readers. And, I hope that you will forgive me for telling this story even though the young man isn't one of us. Did I mention: He's a spin fisher, all the way.

From the editor

Since I am new to this post, I would like to hear from the club members. Is there anything that you would like to see in the newsletter that is not there now? Also, I welcome any other comments or suggestions that you have. If you have articles to be included in the newsletter or comments, send them to:Steve Ostrander e-mail: ost247@charter.net or phone 772-0749. Articles will be included on a space available basis.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

BOB HUNTER - Winner of the "Dick Ruff Award" For outstanding conservation work

AND

JOHN WARD - Rogue Flyfishers Outstanding Member of the year, 2009

Thank you, gentlemen for your hard work. It is a privilege to thank you and honor you with these awards.

NW Fly Tying Expo

The 2010 Fly Tying Expo in Albany, Oregon is scheduled for March 12, 13 and 14 (the premier event of the year for the Oregon Council of the FFF for the past 20+ years).

There will be classes on tying & casting, free demonstrations of same with 200 tyers demonstrating in shifts all day, both days (March 12 & 13, 2010), plus 59 different vendors of products peculiarly of interest to fly fishers, where & how to programs, raffles, and silent and oral auctions of good stuff.

More information can be found at:

http://nwexpo.com or on the Rogue Flyfisher's web site home page.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John Atkeson of Shady Cove (541-878-3974)
Gary Brauer of Jacksonville (541-899-1223)
Mike Crennen of Jacksonville (541-899-7295)
Marv & Connie Dobkins of Gold Hill (541-855-3671)
Robert Furry of Eagle Point (541-944-8483)
Sam Glidewell of Medford (541-245-9081)
Curtis & Susan Mix of Medford (541-770-5518)
Eric Overland of Medford (541-779-6815)
David Roberts of Eagle Point (541-826-7101)
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Curt & Becky Schlosser of Eagle Point (541-826-7482)
Pamela Zaklan of Medford (541-772-5442)

On The Fly

February 2010

"Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"



TYING NEWS

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their next meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:30 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tiers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

Dave Roberts was our featured tyer at the January meeting and he demonstrated some very useful tips that can be applied to all our dry fly tying. The use of various feathers for wings and winging techniques was especially appreciated. Thanks, Dave.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on Your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - March Brown Deer Hair Emerger

Hook: Daiichi 1130, heavy wide-gape scud hook.

Thread: Rusty Orange, 8-0.

Body: Pale yellowish tan beaver.

Tail: Brown Z-lon.
Wing: Coastal Deer hair.



Tying Instructions

Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the tying thread one eye width behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to a point halfway down the bend.

Step 2: Select a small bunch of Z-lon fibers and measure them to be one hook-length. Tie the fibers on top of the hook shank halfway down the bend and bind down the butts along the top of the shank back to the thread tie-in point. Trim the butts. Step 3: Dub the thread using a dubbing loop and wind forward forming a tapered body. End the body about 1/4 shank length back from the eye.

Step 4: Select a bunch of deer hair and measure to one hook length. Holding the bunch firmly between your thumb and forefinger, tie down the hair on top of the hook shank with firm enough wraps to flair slightly. Trim the butts just behind the eye at an angle. Step 5: Bind the butts of the deer hair with touching thread wraps to form a tapered head. Whip finish and cement. March Brown mayflies are the year's first hatch of large size insects and can produce excellent fishing. The duns range in size from 10-14, have tan underbellies with mottled brown or gray wings. While most anglers concentrate on the adults, there are many other opportunities. In the early part of March, when the weather is still cool, emerger fishing can be deadly. There are often many cripples that do not get out of the case and literally hundreds of others that are just slow in doing so. There is something about the "helpless" nature of this pattern that makes it irresistible to trout.

TYING TIPS

The curved hook gives the appearance of a struggling emerger. The Z-lon tail imitates the trailing shuck of a cripple. It should be somewhat sparse. By using a dubbing loop with fine dry fly dubbing you get a tighter, trim body, more like the natural. Coastal deer hair is less hollow than other types, and therefore less apt to flare too much. The wing should angle back towards the tail at about 45 degrees. The March Brown Deer Hair Emerger is a simple tie, using only three materials. By changing color and size it can be used for any hatch you encounter. So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,

Dan Kellogg (you can contact me at FLYGUY@EZNORTHWEST.COM)

OF NOTE" - February 2010 - By Kellie Christensen

"Give a man a fish and he eats for a day – Give a man a fish and you can get rid of him for the whole weekend!" These dreary winter days have us all longing for a nice spring weekend of fishing. In the meantime, while we are eagerly awaiting better weather, take a look at our Outings Schedule in this newsletter edition. You will want to start marking your calendars so you don't miss out.

Your Outings committee has worked very hard to put together a nice variety of classes and venues so there is something for everyone. You will notice that we have a lot more mid week outings this year to accommodate those of you who said you prefer to fish during the week.

Items of interest:

NEW HATS AND TSHIRTS (They Are Cool!) ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE!

Each dinner meeting, one member's name will be drawn for a free meal that evening. If the member drawn is not present, it is just as your father told you: "There is no such thing as a free lunch"..... (or dinner in this case!)

For those of you who paid your dues by January 31st, you will receive 5 FREE raffle tickets at the February dinner so don't miss out. You could take home that coveted fly rod without spending a dollar!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual auction this year is May 19th! Your auction committee is meeting this Friday at 1:30 PM. If you have any interest in helping to make this a profitable and enjoyable event, please contact Kellie for more information. This year we are planning a very "professional" auction. We have been busy studying articles and booklets on what makes an auction successful and we are excited about the streamlined version coming up in May. We can use any kind of help so please volunteer!

John MacDiarmid and Kellie have busy booking speakers that will knock you socks off! As was done some time ago, the speakers each month will offer a program relating to an upcoming outing. You will simply be amazed at some of the people who will be doing presentations for us this year. Keep your eyes pealed for information on the website and in your newsletters!

A hug and hearty thank you to all who continue to make this a successful club. If you have any ideas on what we can do to make the club even better, please contact Kellie by email at kclmbr@msn.com. We are always looking to improve!

Thanks to Steve Ostrander for volunteering to take over the editorship of the monthly newsletter. Because of his efforts your "Kellie girl" will have more time for fishing this year!

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT OUR MARCH SPEAKER – DON'T MISS THIS!

Jason Borger will be our speaker for March! He was the shadow caster for Brad Pitt in the movie, "A River Runs Through It" and his program will be discussing the filming process and how the trout were handled in the movie. It is a very interesting program that both non-fishing and fishing members of the family will be interested in. Jason was literally born with a fly rod in his hand. His father is Gary Borger - a well known author and stalwart in the sport. Jason caught his first trout on a fly rod when he was only 3!

He is a phenomenal caster who created a wonderful book called

"The Nature Of Fly Casting-A Modular Approach", (2001).

An advanced casting class will be held the afternoon of our March 17th dinner meeting for \$25 per participant.

Call John MacDiarmid (840-0183) to sign up! This is your chance to cast with one of the best!

ROSTER CHANGES

Bob Glidewell's address is now: 29 Chantrell Ct / Eagle Point OR 97524. Bob's phone is 541-690-7459 and his e-mail is rtg2@humboldt.edu

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LOG

Date	Key Contact	Activity Description	Participants
Jan. 9, 2010	John Ward 482-2859 e_john_ward@msn.com	RFF volunteers supported the Middle Rogue Watershed Council planting of conifer seedlings and shrubs along Louse Creek near Merlin. This work completed a multi-year restoration project in which deeply incised stream banks were pulled back and in-stream log and woven willow structures were put in place to create channel meanders for improving habitat for coho and steelhead.	John Grimberger / John Ward / Dan Wayman / Ian Wayman and Katie Wayman
Jan. 14, 2010	John Ward 482-2859 e_john_ward@msn.com	Three RFF Board Members received a briefing on stream restoration and toured Middle Rogue Watershed Council's restoration sites with Dan Delany, Council Coordinator. Sites included the Louse Creek planting (see above), a second site several miles downstream, and a site on Quartz Creek where a concrete dam was breached to provide fish passage. It was concluded that the informative tour showed very promising restoration progress and it was learned that snorkeling surveys will monitor usage by juvenile fish.	Dick Chambers / Mike Masters / John Ward

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