ROGUE FLYFISHERS

P.O. BOX 4637, MEDFORD, OREGON 97501

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 the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.



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Salmon River Fishing with Mary Ann Dozer



Wednesday, February 15, 2012 Red Lion Hotel - 200 North Riverside in Medford Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 Buffet Dinner and raffle at 7 PM

If you have attended the FFF Oregon Council Show in Albany each March you probably have seen our February speaker Mary Ann Dozier. She is a part owner of a fly shop in Corvallis, a FFF Master Casting Instructor and one of the "producers" of the Albany show. For the past two seasons Mary Ann has been a guide for Silver Creek Outfitters out of Stanley Idaho. Stanley is on the upper Salmon River surrounded by the Saw Tooth Mountains and several notable trout streams. Her photos and discussion will showcase the Idaho Salmon and fly fishing options on the Big Wood and Big Lost rivers as well as the Silver Creek Preserve.

President's Message—February 2012

What does the word "be" really mean? It has many detailed definitions, but according to Webster's Dictionary, the most common are: "to have identity with," "to have an objective existence" and "to remain unmolested, undisturbed and uninterrupted".

Folks just learning to fly fish are told to "be one with the rod." That is the first step in becoming immersed in the fly fishing experience. People who know the "zen" of fly fishing have learned to "be one with the fish." That makes us successful at the catching of these beautiful beings. To balance our busy lives, we cast our rods and release our fish and know we "have an objective existence." For all of us, who would fish no other way, we wish the same for the fish as we do for ourselves—"to remain unmolested, undisturbed and uninterrupted." One might even call this the state of bliss.

All of us yearn for the freedom to just "be". When we leave behind the stresses and obligations of daily living and lose ourselves in the rhythm of the water and the rod, we master the art of just "being."

The desire to just "be" is strong. We are bombarded with so much nonsense every day...trivial bits and demands that rob us of precious life energy and fill our brains with unnecessary clutter. For the unenlightened, losing oneself in too much alcohol, smoke, sex, shopping, etc. replaces the desire to just "be." Losing oneself this way results in a further separation from being one's best self.

Fly fishing has appeal to so many people because those of us that do it, talk about it, and share it, let them in on our secret. – that to "be" is to "have identity with" the most beautiful parts of our world—to demand of ourselves something better and more free is to "have an objective existence" and "to remain unmolested, undisturbed and uninterrupted" is to respect, honor and appreciate all living things, ourselves included.

When I head out for a bit of fly fishing, I always take a moment —in the silence of that time I give thanks for the magical gift that I am privileged to be given—the chance to just "be". There is no better definition of having a rich and meaningful life. — Kellie Christensen

YOUR DUES ARE DUE! YOUR DUES ARE DUE! YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

It's time to get your dues paid. Here are the rates for 2012:

Individual Membership\$35.00 per calendar yearFamily Membership\$45.00 per calendar yearNew Members\$35 plus one time processing fee of \$10New Family Membership\$45 plus one time processing fee of \$10

Please pay your dues by either sending a check to The Rogue Flyfishers at PO Box 4637, Medford OR 97501 or by using our convenient 'PayPal' link on our website at www.rogueflyfishers.org

(If severe financial hardship will not allow you to pay your dues, please contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094 to apply for a confidential dues "scholarship".)

Only PAID members will continue to receive newsletters and other important correspondence.

We are grateful to every member of our club for a timely dues payment and for renewing your membership. Without you, we would not be able to continue our important education, conservation, and environmental work.

So Many Fish, So Little Time - February

The winter steelhead run on the upper Rogue seems to be strong this year. Spotty, of course, owing to the habits of the fish. For example, two weeks ago I drifted Shady Cove to Takelma, hooked one steelhead and landed a Cutthroat, while on the same day another angler reported hooking (get this) 11 on his drift which was on a different stretch of the river. Which shows you how important luck is in steelheading. Like, he really isn't THAT much better an angler than I am... is he? (Well, in truth we shall never know the answer to that question.) In any case, these winter fish are typically larger than during the summer run, which is typical. In addition, surface or near-surface flies are enjoying good results at the right time and place for trout. Otis Swisher often casts from the bank, doesn't even get into his waders, and catches Rainbows and Cutthroats using dry flies of his own design. To see how he does it, talk with him at the Red Lion or find him some afternoon at Casey Park. His advice is always worth serious consideration.

OUTING DETAILS FOR FEBRUARY 18TH— "ROGUE RIVER STEELHEAD"

J. D. Jones will be your host for this outing. Meet at TouVelle Park on Saturday morning at 10 AM. Dress appropriately for bad weather and please include a walking staff in your equipment. Bring your own sack lunch and beverage. There is a fee for parking if you don't have a yearly pass.

Applegate River Outing – March 3rd

Magical saying - "3 W's"

Yes, it's time for the 3W's again. <u>Wonderful</u>, <u>Wet</u>, <u>Winter Steelhead</u> on the Applegate River.

Mike Masters will be hosting the club outing this year again, so mark your calendars for:

Saturday, March 3rd at Cantrall-Buckley Park. Parking fee is \$4/day.

We will meet at the lower park area closer to the water this year. Look for our club banner as you drive in to the park. I will have coffee ready at 7:00 am.

Come join and share some of your favorite techniques for the very elusive Steelhead of the Applegate. Once the coffee is done, you'll be able to pick out your special portion of the river. Some will be bringing pontoon boats and try to find those other special hiding spots for those critters.

The park is 8 miles west of Jacksonville off of Hwy 238, turn left on Hamilton Rd and then right on Cantrall Rd

Kelly Slough Tree Planting

Eight RFF members volunteered to help plant riparian vegetation along two ponds and terraces where Tolo Slough joins the Rogue River near the former site of Gold Ray Dam. Seven Basins Watershed Council, Rogue Basin Coordinating Council, and RVCOG sponsored the conservation activity. Containergrown Ponderosa Pine trees about 6-feet tall, cottonwood and crabapple trees, various shrubs, and many willow stakes were planted. By spring these plants and other planted earlier will be well rooted to stabilize the fine-grained soils, and in time, will add shade to also help maintain cool water temperatures.



My Conundrum By Otis D. Swisher

Have any of you found yourself in this sticky situation? Did you ask for help? as I am. How did you solve your problem?

Problem: Am I right to call this a "Fish of a Lifetime?"

It happened 6 January, 1997. The outflow from Lost Creek Dam was a torrential 14,650 cfs. By the time it reached Gold Ray Dam (this was before its removal, you see) the flow was off the scale at 21,600 cfs.

My notes say: "Casey Park, fish caught: one 4-inch sculpin, on a Big Ugly Bug. Hooked, not snagged."

The conundrum: since this is the only sculpin I have ever caught, I have decided that this is a "Fish of my lifetime."

Was I right?

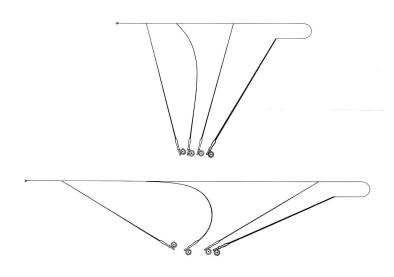


Last Cast Syndrome

Have you ever been fishing to a group of rising fish that moved just out of range of your normal casting distance? In an attempt to reach them, you bring the line up, false cast with nice loops, a good tempo and straight lines. Then on the last (presentation) cast you add a little more power only for the fly line and fly to land in a crumpled pile no further than previous cast. What Happened?

Power in a cast must accelerate through the cast to progressively bend the rod. The stroke must be smooth. As the casting distance lengthens, more power is applied and the rod bends deeper, the stroke (or cast) must start sooner and end later. Always remember: short castshort stroke, long cast- long stroke. Matching the stroke with the amount of power or bend in the rod produces a straight line path of the rod tip as illustrated in the short cast and long cast depicted below. The cast is stopped to produce a straight line rod tip path and then pulled through or down to create room for the fly line to travel over the rod tip. Pull down too far and the loops open up; stop it high, just under the unrolling line and the loops are tight. This illustration is taken from Mel Krieger's book The Essence of Flycasting. Returning to the "What Happened" in the first paragraph, the extra power on the last cast without changing both the acceleration and stroke length destroyed the straight line path of the rod tip. The line always follows the tip and an erratic line path robs the cast of power. Regarding the first question, you probably put the fish down with repeated casts and the fish moved further out where you could not bother them. Fish stealthily with a controlled, light touch and the fish will not move out. You will not need to cast further, but that is a fishing and casting lesson for another day.

John MacDiarmid, FFFCCI



Fly Fishing: a Developed Skill Using the Wind

By Otis D. Swisher

There are times when I wind in my line and prepare to leave a fishing spot and the line, leader, and fly just won't "come to hand" because the wind is blowing it/them out and away from me. Solution: face the wind, point the rod tip at the wind, and it will blow line, leader, and/or fly right into my hand. Try it some time.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations go out to Mike Masters who is our 2010 " Club Member of the Year". When you see him, shake his hand and tell him how much we appreciate the work he does.

SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 14, 2012. The meetings start at 6:00 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. Tyers 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.

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

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Tying Expo

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers in conjunction with The Fly Shop, NCCFFF and Redding's Turtle Bay Museum will have a fly tying expo in Redding, California, on February 18 and 19, 2012.

The fly tying expo will be in the middle of the three month-long Turtle Bay Museum fly fishing exhibition, "Fly Fishing, The Art of Deception".

Turtle Bay Museum and The Fly shop are preparing the exhibition with the help of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. The exhibition will run from January 28 to April 15, 2012. It will feature fly fishing and tying equipment as far back as the 1800's. There will be early models of float tubes, fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders and tying vises, along with plenty of pictures in addition to the latest equipment available. Some of the items will be coming from the Federation of Fly Fishers national museum in Livingston, Montana.

On February 18 and 19 Tyers from northern California and Oregon will be featured. There will be morning (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and afternoon (1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) tying sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers annual banquet is Saturday, February 18, in Redding at the Win River Casino. There will be plenty of raffle prizes, a silent auction and live auction all mixed in with a lot of fun. The cost is \$40.

Stay tuned for more information on the STFF website, <u>www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org</u>, the Turtle Bay Exploration Park website, <u>www.turtlebay.org</u>, and NCCFFF website, <u>www.nccfff.org</u>.

Any questions, contact Dick Recchia, <u>rdservices@frontiernet.net</u> or Dick Johnson, <u>rwj530@hotmail.com</u>

On The Fly

February 2012

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

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - .Olive Matuka

- Hook: Daiichi 1710 or 1720, 2x or 3x down eye, 2-12.
- Thread: 6-0 Black.
- Weight: Lead wire to match shank diameter.
- Rib: Gold oval tinsel or wire, small or medium.
- Body: Dark olive medium chenille.
- Wing: Four matched olive grizzly hen feathers
- Collar: Olive grizzly hen.



Tying Instructions

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Wrap eight to fifteen wraps of lead wire around the hook shank. Leave 1/4 of the shank bare in front of the wraps and 1/3 of the shank bare behind the wraps.

Step 3: Start the thread and build a taper up onto the lead from the rear, cover the lead with a thread base, and create a short taper in front of the lead. Return the thread to the bend of the hook just above the hook barb.

Step 4: Tie in a length of oval tinsel or wire at the back of the hook and secure with thread wraps.

Step 5: Strip the fibers from the end of a length of chenille to expose the thread core. Tie the chenille in by the stripped core just in front of the tinsel. Return the thread to the front of the thread wraps

Step 6: Wrap the chenille forward in touching wraps to the thread position, tie off and trim the excess.

Step 7: Select four matched hen feathers, even the tips for length, and clip the butt end so they are all the same.

Step 8: Stack two feathers outside to inside, or cupped. Do the same with the other two feathers then lay the first pair on the second with the concave sides together.

Step 9: Measure the wing set to the shank of the hook so that the feather tips are past the bend 1/2 shank length. Strip the base fibers so that the exposed stem is at the front of the chenille body.

Step 10: While holding the wing set firmly, strip the bottom side of all four feathers where they will contact the top of the chenille body. Tie the feather set at the front of the body by the stripped butt portion of the quill. Keep the feathers aligned and perpendicular to the shank. Tie off and trim excess butts.

Step 11: Grasp the tip of the wing pulling it down along the top of the body. Separate the wing fibers exposing the stems just above the hook barb. Take the first turn of rib at this separation. Continue separating the fibers and wrapping the rib in 5 evenly spaced turns to the front of the body. Tie off and trim excess.

Step 12: Prepare on more hen feather and tie it in by the butt in front of the body. Fold the fibers back while winding the feather forward four turns forming a bushy collar. Tie off and trim.

Step 13: Form a neat head, whip finish and cement.

The Matuka is a streamer that has it's origin in New Zealand and was first introduced to North American fly fishers in the book, Fly Fishing Strategy, by Swisher and Richards in 1975. Matukas were a hit and soon began showing up in fly catalogs, shops, and fly boxes. The pattern's most distinctive feature is the wing and its unique method of attaching it to the fly. This prevents the wing from becoming fouled on the hook point while maintaining a very full fishy silhouette. With choice of size, color, feather types, and body materials, imitating any species of baitfish or sculpin should be easy. Learn the concept, then vary the materials to suit your needs.

Tying tips:

Wide webby hackles seem to make the best Matuka wings. These can be found on hen necks and Chickabou. That doesn't mean that feathers from rooster necks and saddles won't work. It's all about the effect you are after. I prefer wire for the rib instead of tinsel. It's stronger so more tension can be added, thus holding the wing stems tightly in place. The wing is the trickiest part of the fly. Keep the following tips in mind and the results will be impressive. First of all slow down and take a little more care about measuring accurately and proportions. Separate the wing fibers with a bodkin exactly where the rib will cross the stem. If the rib does not enter at the V at 90 degrees to the shank, the wing fibers will be splayed down leaving gaps. Strip all and only the bottom fibers that will touch the body. This insures the wing will lay flat along the body.

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) www.tyerstoolshop.com

<u>IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE WAY YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER -</u> <u>EFFECIVE MARCH, 2012</u>

For the past year, your club has continued to print hard copies of the newsletter and utilize the bulk mailing through the local post office. This in not only costly in the sense of the actual printing, but there is added expenses with the folding and addition of those mailing seals at the top.

Currently, we have so many people accessing the online version of the newsletter that about 50 hard copies of the newsletter are being wasted each month as the post office requires a quantity of 200 in order to use the bulk mail service.

WE ARE ASKING <u>ALL</u> CLUB MEMBERS WITH AN ACTIVE EMAIL ADDRESS TO ACCESS AND PRINT THE NEWSLETTER FROM OUR WEBSITE EACH MONTH @www.rogueflyfishers.org (Be sure to monitor your "spam" filter to insure receipt.)

BE SURE TO SEND ANY EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES TO OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, John Bjorkholm at bjork61@charter.net RIGHT AWAY!

Getting your online newsletter is easy! An email message will appear from The Rogue Flyfishers that says the newsletter for that month in now available. You merely click on the link and it takes you directly to that month's edition. You can find previous editions under the "newsletter" link on our website.

The only people who will be receiving hard copies of the newsletter in the mail beginning March 2012, are those without computers, fellow clubs, and the local fly shops that support us.

The cost to print 80 newsletters and mail them with regular postal stamps will save the club over \$100 per month. Receiving your newsletter online will allow you earlier access and the opportunity to view it in color instead of black and white.

ON BEHALF OF YOUR CLUB, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT! -Kellie Christensen, President

Roster Changes

Bill Rittenhouse has a new e-mail address: writtenhouse@charter.net

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Joel Axelrod of Ashland (541-488-6020) Edmund Danieli of Medford (775-636-4692) Ron Drake & Benjamine McDonald of Medford (541-772-5783) Greg & Carol O'Neal of Gold Hill (831-970-8173) Jon Ousterhout of Eagle Point (541-826-4835) Marc Pierce of Ashland (541-414-8904) Bud Sheets & Family of White City (541-826-3624) James & Annetta Stout of Medford (541-890-7095) Robert Walters of Medford (541-779-4021) Erick Watson of White City (541-301-4599)

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DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Jan. 21, 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn .com	Eight RFF members volunteered to help plant riparian vegetation along two ponds and terraces where Tolo Slough joins the Rogue River near the former site of Gold Ray Dam. Seven Basins Watershed Council, Rogue Basin Coordinating Council, and RVCOG sponsored the conservation activity. Container-grown Ponderosa Pine trees about 6-feet tall, cottonwood and crabapple trees, various shrubs, and many willow stakes were planted. By spring these plants and other planted earlier will be well rooted to stabilize the fine-grained soils, and in time, will add shade to also help maintain cool water temperatures.	Bill Childress Mick Cuffe Dan Frank Jerry Haynes Jon Iverson Jack Knox John Ward Peter Wu
Various dates in January 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn .com	 Miscellaneous Activities performed by Conservation Chair: 1) Participated with 34 agencies on Gov. Kitzhaber's Oregon Solution WISE Project team (Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy) in Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek watersheds. Task is to source and secure funding (\$2 million) for Environmental Impact Statement; and create plan and structure for collaborative improvement of natural flow and reliability of water system in Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek watersheds. RFF participates on Instream Committee. Implementation will cost about \$200 million. 2) Participating on Savage Rapids Reach proposal to improve riparian conditions for half-mile upstream of former Savage Rapids Dam site on south bank of Rogue River. About ten agencies and organizations discussed issues and work plan to inventory current site condition, refine a riparian improvement plan and explore options to implement restoration, possibly to include public fishing access and park. 3) Attended Annual/regular meetings of Upper Rogue Watershed Association, Bear Creek Watershed Council, Stream Restoration of Middle Rogue, and Klamath-Lake Forest Health partnership. 4) Attended Jefferson Fish Society presentation by Peter Tronquet comparing UMPQUA River Restoration Projects with natural Kamchatka River Conditions. Restoration metrics for spring Chinook in Rogue River above Shady Cove were included. 5) Attended 4 Shady Cove City Council Work Shops Or Study Sessions, 3 Shady Cove City Council meetings, and 1Shady Cove Planning Commission meeting. 	John Ward

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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; <u>new</u> members joining after June 30th pay half dues. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) 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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