



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.

PROGRAM

No program information was available at print time.

Check the website for program updates.

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President's Message—February 2015 by Kellie Christensen

It's the beginning of another term for me as the facilitator for our club. Although I was looking forward to a little less, in terms of hours committed, I agreed to man our ship because what our club does is too important to risk losing for any reason.

Without officers to serve on the board the club would cease to function because the requirements (regulations) for a 501 c3 non-profit would not be met.

What we do and what we accomplish every year affects not only the present conditions and habitats but the future of these as well.

What kind of legacy are we leaving? Who will watch out for those who cannot protect themselves if not a group like ours?

The beauty of living "in a postcard" as I describe life here in Southern Oregon is something to recognize and appreciate every day.

We, the members of your board make all of our decisions based on the criteria set forth by the founding members of our club. We honor the principles they strove for by continuing to be financially responsible in the funding and expenditures of the club's precious resources. The monies we raise are watchfully and carefully allocated in the best way possible to create the healthiest, safest, and best long-term results for habitat and quality of life.

I am proud to be a part of our group and I know that the other board members and volunteers feel the same.

Let's work together to continue the amazing and important work our founding fathers strove for.

We move forward, as always, inviting anyone with constructive suggestions to attend our monthly board meetings and offer their input. We are here for you, and want to know what you think!

To our members, thank you-for your continuing support, enthusiasm and gratitude.

There is much to be done and we are excited about what we will accomplish!

**If you would like to read a copy of your Board of Directors meeting minutes,
please contact our club Secretary, Jon Iverson and request a copy.**

The Rogue River's Fishery: Wild or Hatchery?

(Or, what do alleles have to do with anything?)

By Otis D. Swisher

Years ago, I read what was a startling statement to me at the time, but which has become the norm in my thinking about river systems and their fisheries. The Title and Author, I am unable to recall. The premise was that in a study of two fish populations found in the extremely small headwaters of the same river system, the two fish populations from each "fork" were noticeably different in their genetic make up, and thus each population was well adapted to prosper in its own natal birth stream.

Not being a geneticist, I have attempted to find the reason for such an assumption.

Darwin's theory of evolution, as portrayed by Stephen Jay Gould, long time devotee of Darwin, in short was that a main population did not evolve "en masse"; but, that changes came about in those who became "more fit" to their local conditions, and being "more fit" survived.

I hereby attempt to put the generality of "It's in the genes", into the context of the ultimate future of the fishery of the Rogue River. My source of scientific information is the scientific work: Population genetic structure for Klamath Mountains Province steelhead. Authors cited are Allendorf, 1975; Parkinson 1984; and Reisenbichler/Phelps 1989.

I believe this is a timely subject to pursue since the Rogue River is essentially a "Brand New River", what with the removal of Savage Rapids and Gold Ray Dams, and the imminent removal of the two dams on Evans Creek. As a new River, It should have a new protocol for fish management.

If I interpret correctly the terms of genetics, the differences in ability to adapt to different streams are carried in the "alleles" which carry different traits of a fish...some are recessive, some dominant. The greater number of alleles, the greater the chance to adapt and be "more fit".

Allendorf, in 1975 found that for inland and coastal fish (steelhead) in his study of population genetic structure for Klamath mountains province steelhead, there was "large and consistent differences in allele frequency (in) both anadromous and resident forms of *Oxyrinchus mykiss*." You will note that this was pre-Lost Creek Dam being finished on the Rogue River in 1977, and the opening of Cole Rivers Hatchery.

One term used by these authors for the "watering down" or lessening of the gene pool is "homogeneity" when they declared "the relative homogeneity in these states may be due to introgression of hatchery fish into naturally occurring populations." And they note that, at that time, Oregon hatcheries used steelhead "that originated from single within state sources." (Alsea River in Oregon.)

Allendorf 1975 and Reisenbichler/Phelps, 1989 declared that "pair-wise comparisons revealed significant differences WITHIN DRAINAGES (emphasis mine) between hatchery and naturally spawning populations, including Cole Rivers and Rogue River natural stocks."

Parkinson, 1984 compared the fisheries of British Columbia and Oregon, saying there were "substantial genetic differences among steelhead populations from different drainages" in BC; whereas in Oregon there were "smaller differences" between populations. Reisenbichler (1992) concluded that these smaller differences was a result of "far more extensive hatchery steelhead programs in the 70/80's than in British Columbia." My conclusion: hatchery programs have been watering down the gene pool for over thirty years.

If the health of a fish population, genetically, depends on the source of alleles able to adapt to changes in that river system, we should put in place the protection of our wild stocks. To use the miniscule excuse "Our Winter Steelhead runs/stocks are not imperiled," thus allowing the "taking" of Wild Steelhead by the Barbeque Crowd during the winter run months is short-sighted at best, and very questionable science at worst.

Isn't it time that ODFW ends this practice?

It is my feeling, that for the long haul, putting our confidence in the wild fish (and their genes) of the Rogue River system is far more dependable than putting our trust in the hatchery fish (and their genes). The abundance of alleles brought to the spawning grounds of our new river system by the wild fish and their thousands of years of adaptation is necessary for the long term health of the fishery.

3 December, 2014

Thank You Received from Casting for Recovery

Dear Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Southern Oregon Casting for Recovery! We couldn't provide this program without the your help. Some of you have been river helpers, some of you have experienced it first hand as retreat participants, some have tied flies, some have donated time and money to help our program continue to be the success that it's been for the past 11 years. Thank you for your generous donation in December. If you would like more information about our program please go to www.castingforrecovery.org.

Sincerely,
Kim DeVries and Carol LaBranche

Southern Oregon CfR Program Coordinators

Menu for February 18 , 2015 Dinner Meeting

Red Snapper with Smoked Tomato Relish Tossed Green Salad with Dressing
Au Gratin Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Rolls and Butter Lemon Mousse Cake
Coffee, Decaf Coffee or Iced Tea

Vegetarian Entrée

Eggplant Parmesan

If you wish to purchase a Vegetarian, Gluten or Lactose Free Meal please let Kellie know by Monday, February 16th if possible at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094

Triple Haul

We have all heard of the double haul and a few are familiar with a single haul, but very few have heard of a triple haul and fewer yet have cast it.

The single haul is hauling on either the forward cast or the back cast but not both. Casters learning to haul often just learn the forward haul and add the back haul later. The double haul is hauling on the back cast and the forward cast. The triple haul is used by a very few in accuracy target casting. When the cast completely unrolls, say over a target, a deft pull (haul) on the line will hover the fly and give the caster a split second longer to decide to either drop it where it is or keep it energized and bring it back for another presentation. There is precious little time to make that decision and the triple haul is helpful. If the caster waits too long and the fly falls and touches the ground ,even just a tick, game over, move on to the next target.

I have played with the triple haul but am a long way from using it. You can see it done at the IFFF Fair in Bend this August. Some of the best casters in North America will be there giving casting lessons, tying flies and presenting other fly fishing programs. Find the Casting Rendezvous, it is a place where the casters hang out and just cast. Master Caster Chase Jablonski will be there and he will be glad to demonstrate the triple haul if you ask. He did it for me.

John MacDiarmid

Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers
Is offering a ½ day workshop with
Dave Hughes

Date: February 7, 2015

Time: Starts at 9:00am

Location: Community Cancer Center 2nd Floor-Conference Room
2880 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg

Elements of Fly Fishing for Trout

- Reading Trout Water
- Selecting Trout Flies
- Tactics for Trout
- Casts that Catch Trout

Cost: \$15.00 for members \$20.00 for non-members Payable at the door.

***Please pre-register by calling Rod Antilla at 541 817-3703 or email rod.antilla@gmail.com**

Dave's books will be for sale or you can bring your own copy to be autographed.

Dave Hughes is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing. He is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist as well. Dave enjoys collecting, identifying and photographing aquatic insects.

Some book titles you may know:

Western Hatches (with Rick Hafele)
American Fly Tying Manual
Handbook of Hatches
Reading Trout Water
Wet Flies
Essential Trout Flies
Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters
Trout Flies
Pocketguide to Western Hatches
An Angler's Astoria - 2nd Edition

Articles have appeared in the following:

Field & Stream
Gray's Sporting Journal
Outdoor Life
Sports Afield
Fly Fisherman
American Angler
Fly Tyer
Fly Rod & Reel
Northwest Flyfishing
Flyfishing & Tying Journal

Due to an oversight on my part, half of this message was dropped from last month's printed newsletter. Please accept my apology. Here it is printed in it's entirety.

The editor

**WHAT YOUR CLUB DID WITH CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR 2014 THIS MONEY WAS
RAISED BY OUR ANNUAL AUCTION AND STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT**

(Hopefully this will inspire and encourage everyone to continue to contribute to our fundraisers.)

January—\$1,800 toward Evans Creek Dam Removal— There are two dams, the Fielder and Weimer, which are the last two impeding dams for migrating fish. Removal of these dams will ad 40 miles of access to migrating Coho and Steelhead. This was paid for with the proceeds from the 2013 Steelhead tournament.

February—\$250 to Rogue River keeper—Provided educational, informative materials, including maps to property owners directly impacted by the proposed LNG pipeline. These land owners became a crucial part of our NO LNG movement population.

February—\$1,000 to Bear Creek Watershed —The subsurface of the creek, located near the ball fields off 99 in Phoenix/Medford is uneven and the water temperature has been an issue. The money we donated paid for test holes which uncovered the fact that a buried sewer line adjacent to the creek is raising water temperatures to an unhealthy level. Once this was discovered, a new way to bring in cooling water was created. Because of our test holes, the Watershed now has a solution to this problem and the necessary documentation to secure grant funding to accomplish this critical habitat improvement.

April \$1,575 for OSU scholarship

July—\$1,850 to Water Watch for Gold Hill Irrigation District cleanup—The area addressed in this project consisted of an open channel (glorified ditch) which was home to predatory fish and resulting in the demise of the fish we are trying to protect. Our donation helped install a new head gate, with screen, protecting the migrating fish and improving their passages and spawning capabilities.

July—\$500 to Rick Hafele to critique the city of Medford's outflow study—The outfall study, which was quite lengthy and technical, needed to be condensed into bullet points in order to succeed in our quest to address and correct the hot water and loss of critical habitat that the treatment plant has created. Rick was able to compile such a list and we were successfully able to use this information as ammunition in our fight to restore this failing and necessary habitat.

August—\$500 to Oregon Stewardship to support youth and conservation— An annual donation to Jim Hutchins and his crew who clean up and maintain critical habitat on Bear Creek.

September—\$500 CRAG Law Center toward study of the effect of the water quality of the proposed LNG Pipeline. We cannot fight and win without the legal folks whose expertise is in dealing with these critical and life changing environmental issues

December— \$2,250 to Stream Restoration project, consisting of the \$1585 balance from the Reed Ryan Conservation Fund plus \$665 of club funds—This money went for removal of an unexpected dam, associated with Pacific Power, on Jones Creek in Grants Pass. This stream restoration project included correction of bank contours and the necessary riparian plantings as well.

December—\$500 TO Casting for Recovery and \$500 for Project Healing Waters

TOTAL OF FUNDS DISPERSED FOR 2014—\$9,390.00

The money raised from our auction and steelhead tournament goes into the bank and is dispersed very carefully by your Board of Directors after reviewing each project. This is why it is so important that all club members continue to support these events. Give yourselves a pat on the back. None of this would be possible without your support!

Thanks to every person in the club serving on the Board of Directors. It is a great responsibility and we are grateful for the time, effort and dedication of each and every person serving.

Thanks also, to every club member who actively supports conservation efforts throughout the year. There are a lot of people who work without acknowledgement, showing up at public forums to represent our fish and water conservation, preservation and restoration ideals. There are folks who walk and haul and dig and clean all year to keep our waters and habitat healthy.

We should also acknowledge and thank the committee chairs and members, for their dedication and long hours fighting the good fight. Thanks to our esteemed newsletter editor, website gurus, fly tiers etc.

The founding fathers of this club, I'm sure, are proud of the legacy we continue to preserve and improve.

A brief reminder that anyone with questions or suggestions is invited to attend a board meeting which is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center at 238 North Holly street in downtown Medford. Parking is located behind the building off the alley and entrance in through the back.

Kellie Christensen

Applegate River Outing

February 28, We will meet at Cantrell Buckley Park at 7:30 am at the parking lot closest to the river. After a short Briefing, we will venture out to various spots along the river. Coffee will be available at the briefing.

www.rogueflyfishers.blogspot.com

Rogue Flyfishers is proud to announce an easy way to know what's going on in your club without having to log into anything!

We now have our own Blog!

**Simply go to www.rogueflyfishers.blogspot.com
(You can also find a link to our blog on the club's website.)**

Enter your email address at the top right hand portion of the page. From then on, anytime something new is going on, you will receive an email with all of the information you need.

This will take the place of the "Vertical Response" mass email system that we have been utilizing.

We will have computers at the dinner meetings to help facilitate signups for those of you having difficulty.

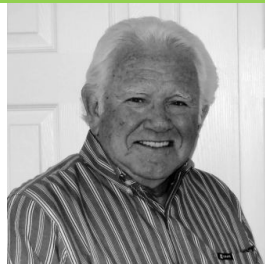
Welcome New Members

Rick and Bonnie Scriba
Liesje and Elliot Blank
Scott Ashpole

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MAY AUCTION

We are looking for volunteers to help with the May Auction.
Please email Mike Masters at mmasters2243@charter.net





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Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He is an MBA graduate from Southern Oregon University. Adam can be found on local waters during most weekends as he enjoys introducing others in the area to this sport. He teaches fly fishing for the city of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.

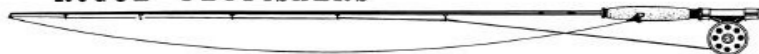


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Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** __ (\$35.00), **Family** __ (\$45.00), or **Junior** __ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues. 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.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

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