



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

Jay Nicholas

Here is a one-sentence bio: Jay is passionate about all things related to fish and fishing.

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He is a fish biologist fly tyer; angler; writer; photographer; artist; teacher; storyteller; mentor; and life-student. “My heart pounds every instant I’m on the water with something pulling back on the end of my line. I’m also husband, dad, grandpa, retired, working, and continually wrestle with the elusive concept of “balance” in life.”

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His professional career as a fish biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spanned four decades. A Wild Salmon Hall of Fame Inductee in 2006, Retired from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2007 to work as the senior Salmon Scientist at the Wild Salmon Center; retiring finally by 2014.

As far as fly tying goes, he is heavy into Pacific Salmon flies and winter steelhead flies.

The last several years provided an opportunity to delve into the world of saltwater flies fished for bass, lingcod, salmon, and albacore.

Finally, he has published over ten books on Amazon, a portfolio of writing that spans science and art, from serious to silly, with fish and fishing as unifying theme.

President's Message

Apparently we are temporary without a president. We will get back on track as soon as that changes

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

There will be a change in location where the club will hold its regular monthly dinner meetings beginning in March. The new meeting place will be held at

The Point Pub & Grill
311 E. Pine St.
Central Point, OR

(located in downtown Central Point on the corner of 3rd and Pine St.)

DINNER: The dinner format for now will be sit-down. You will have 2 or 3 items from their menu to choose from and those items will vary month to month. The Point will accommodate those who prefer vegetarian, vegan or gluten free, but you will need to notify Theresa by Tuesday (the day before) with your request by either phone (541)702-2153 or email tms1910@icloud.com.

The charge for dinner will remain the same at \$22 per person.

There is a full bar at one end of the room for those who wish to purchase alcoholic drinks.

DATE & TIME: The March meeting at our new venue will be held on Wednesday the 16th. The "Wet Fly" Social Hour will be from 5:45 to 6:45 as usual, dinner and meeting will begin at 6:45, followed by our raffle and guest speaker, wrapping up by 9:00.

PARKING: There is parking across the street on Pine Street in the bank parking lot, there is a public parking lot across from The Point on 3rd, parking behind The Point (they own both buildings), and parking along the curb.

ROOM: The room is located upstairs. There are two front entrances on Pine St. The one on the left enters into the bar. Enter the front door on the right. To your left are the stairs. There is no elevator. Those who need assistance negotiating the stairs will most assuredly get it. There are restrooms upstairs located right off our meeting room in the back.

We will hold our February meeting at the Rogue Regency as usual.
See you in March at The Point !

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brandon Lynch
Dominic Meads
Carl Moyer
Norm Rossignol

2016 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo by Garren Wood

The Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is an annual event put on by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00am. This is an event you will want to put on the calendar now.

The main attraction is over 200 demonstration tyers that rotate every 2 ½ hours over the two days. There are 70 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch the tyer. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables

and find an open seat. Even if you are not interested in a specific type of fly, a lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate different techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so it is a great opportunity to learn in a classroom environment. There are some casting classes that are 1 on 1, which provide excellent opportunities to work on specific casting problems. There are casting classes that cover both single and double handed casting. The fly fishing classes will help prepare you to go to a specific location.

You can signup for classes on the Expo **website** <http://nwexpo.com>, starting in January 2016. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year. Over 50 exhibitors attend the expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats.

http://nwexpo.com/friday_classes.php

http://nwexpo.com/saturday_classes.php

The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in one place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that are one of a kind and make special gifts. Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items. During the banquet two college students that are majoring in fishery management are awarded scholarships. The students give a short talk on what they are studying and it provides a look-in to the research that is being done on fisherman's behalf.

The Expo is put on by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the Expo in 2016!



RFF 2016 AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars for May 14, 2016 to attend an exciting evening at The Point in Central Point on Pine Street.

We are asking for more volunteers to assist this year to make this an Auction to Remember. Proceeds this year will go into our Conservation Fund and our Kids/Teaching program.

We will have a couple of new wrinkles as well, so start saving your pocket change for a 50/50 raffle, and a Bucket Raffle as well as our Silent Auction and Oral Auction Dinner.

If you have something worthwhile to donate, or you have a connection in the Valley who would like to donate, or perhaps you would consider taking someone on a non guided fishing trip or how about providing a Dinner for 2 – 8 people.

Please email

Mike Masters – mmasters2243@charter.net

Or

Don Dabney – drdabney49@gmail.com

Perhaps you would prefer to give a cash donation; we will certainly put it to good use. We are a Non-Profit organization and will gladly provide a tax form for you.

We need everyone's help even if you can't come to the auction. Some of Dick Bonamarte's items will be auctioned.

Details will be forthcoming. Keep thinking and watching.

FLY TYING CLASS WET FLIES & SOFT HACKLES

Instructors: Dave Roberts and Dan Kellogg

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

At minimum the student must have completed a beginners class and be proficient at basic skills and techniques. If you haven't tied and fished the wet fly, this class will be just what you need to increase your skills and angling options.

Where?

THE FLY TYERS DEN

1234 Hammel Rd.

Eagle Point, Or 97524

When?

Saturday, February 13th, 2016

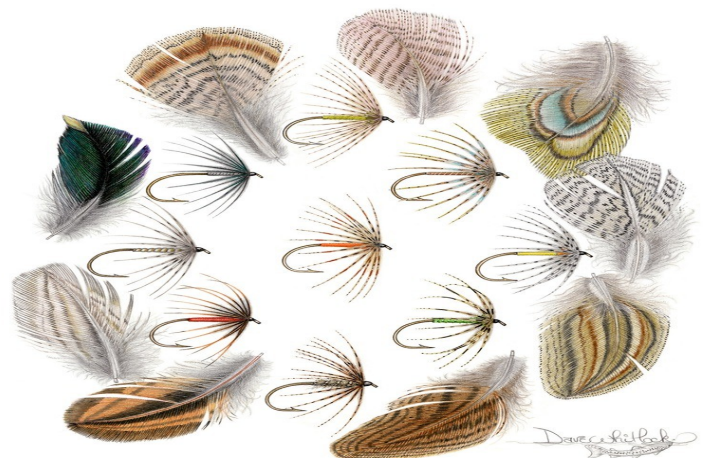
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How Much & What's Included?

Just \$50.00, All Materials and the thread.

What to Bring?

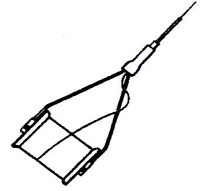
Tools, a light, and a lunch.



On The Fly

February 2016

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



PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Ice Dub Egg

Hook: #10 egg - D1120, U 202
Thread: orange
Bead: 5/64" gold - brass or tungsten
Wire: .015 lead
Egg sac: chartreuse chenille or dubbing - sparkle OK
Abdomen: hot or burnt orange dubbing or ice dubbing
Hackle: 2 wraps of white CDC - this is optional, but I am a fan of CDC.



Tying Instructions:

- 1) Pinch down hook barb and slip the bead on, small hole first. I usually make 2 or 3 wraps of .015 lead onto the hook and slide it into the bead. And then add a tiny drop of super glue. The lead provides more surface for the glue to adhere to. Check to be sure the glue doesn't seep out to the hook eye! As soon as the glue comes out, tip the hook eye upward. The glue is optional but this beginner finds that it stabilizes the bead while I wrap the rest of the fly.
- 2) Make a thread dam behind the lead wire as the glue will eventually soften in the water. (Gorilla super glue is said to be the most waterproof, but I don't know). Then wrap the thread back to the bend.
- 3) Strip about c" of fuzz off the chenille, tie it down and take the thread forward a few wraps. Make 2 or 3 wraps of the chenille forward for the egg sac, tie it down and snip the excess. You want the egg sack to be visible but small but small compared to the abdomen.
- 4) Make a 3" dubbing loop and run the thread up to the lead wire - let it hang. I find ice dub easier to handle after a swipe of wax on one side of the loop. Form a generous string of dubbing, center it in the loop and spin it with your whirler until the strands stand out. Wrap the dubbing up to the bead area, forming a rather large oval abdomen as you go. The abdomen should be noticeably bigger than the egg sac. Stroke the dubbing back as you tie it down to make a little room for tying in the CDC.
- 5) Tie in a white CDC feather by the tip, make 2 wraps and tie down. Do a couple or 3- or 4-wrap whips and you are done!

RFF member Steve Day shared this pattern with me, for which I am most grateful. Tie some up and you will be, too! Fish it about two feet below your stone fly. Steve says it can be tied in other colors as well, such as pale yellow, apricot, oranges and red. Good luck!

See <http://oregonflyfishingblog.com/2010/01/21/killer-winter-steelhead-egg-pattern-the-lifter/> for a similar pattern using white sparkle emerger yarn instead of CDC.

Jon Iverson

February Outing--Winter Steelhead on the Lower Rogue

The Rogue Flyfishers' next outing is scheduled for February 13, when we will head to the lower Rogue River near Gold Beach to fish for winter steelhead. The lower Rogue is a big river with large gravel bars and long runs well suited to swinging flies with a long rod. If you don't have a Spey or switch rod, don't worry, the steelhead usually travel close to shore within easy range of single-handed rods.

We will meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at the Indian Creek Cafe located a short distance upstream of Hwy 101 on the south side of the Rogue (94682 Jerry's Flat Road). If you don't want to eat breakfast, join us there by 9:00 AM.

The lower Rogue River offers plenty of opportunities for both bank and boat anglers. Many of the large gravel bars are publicly owned and easy to get to, giving bank anglers plenty of places to fish. Drift boats, pontoon boats, jet boats, and even prop boats (if you are careful) can be used to access other good locations.

For equipment, seven to eight-weight Spey or switch rods paired with Skagit heads and an assortment of tips would be ideal. Similar weight single-handed rods with sink-tip lines or sinking shooting heads will also work. Bring 10 to 15-lb tippet material and an assortment of flies--from traditional steelhead patterns, to egg-sucking leeches, to intruders. Black or purple flies with a bit of bright color mixed in are often effective. If you prefer to dead-drift egg patterns or nymphs, you can do that too. Pack your waders and rain gear as well.

There are a variety of other fishing options in the area. If you want to try a smaller stream, Hunter Creek and Pistol River have good runs of winter steelhead.

Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining options, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds along the river. You can find more information at www.goldbeach.org.

With the wet weather we have experienced so far this winter, there is certainly the possibility that the river could be out of shape, causing us to relocate or cancel the outing. Be sure to check the club's website before you leave for the outing to see if we had to make any last-minute changes.

David Haight, Outings Chair

DUES REMINDER!

For those of you who have not yet paid your 2016 Membership dues, they are past due.
January 1st is the due date specified in the clubs' By-Laws

Individual - \$35
Family - \$45

You have 3 ways to pay:

Go online to our website www.rogueflyfishers.org and pay through Paypal

Mail a check to: Rogue Flyfishers
P.O.Box 4637
Medford, Oregon 97501

Pay at the dinner meeting by cash or check

Club dues must be in by April 1st if you want to be listed in the club directory.

Thank you to those who have already paid their dues!

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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. **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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Address _____ - _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____ - _____

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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 __

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