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Rogue Flyfishers

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

Stephen Day



The presentation for February will be on Pyramid Lake, NV. Steve will do the presentation and Keith Hardcastle will be there to tie some typical Pyramid Lake Fly Patterns.

The presentation will cover the Lake, it's history, the ecosystem, fishing techniques, flies and the fish.

Please note:

The cost for the buffet dinner at our monthly dinner meetings will increase from \$20 to \$22 beginning with the February meeting at The Point.

The menu for February will be:

Salmon
Rice
Mixed vegetables

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President's Message

Although I was a little anxious for the first meeting, it left quite quickly with all the support I received, mostly in the way of “thanks for taking the job”, “congratulations” and, yes, a few “sucker”.

I would like every club member to become involved, if no more than to let us know what programs you are interested in, what help you might want; or if you are interested in helping with conservation, helping others to learn our sport or just want to find a fishing friend.

Something that was brought to my attention by past president, Kelly, is there are some of our older members who can't get out to fish anymore because they can't wade by themselves. I would like to suggest we put together a list of both lake and river boatmen who would like to be available to take them fishing in better weather.

We will have rotating fly tyers at our meetings. I would like the shops to let us know when they get in new materials or equipment or have new trips or outings.

I would also like to find out how many of our members are International Federation of Flyfisher members and in other groups like The Fly Tyers Group, Casting Instructors, Fly Fishing University, IFFF Guides Assoc, etc.

David Earl Roberts, President

The State Marine Board wants kayakers, rafters and other floaters to pay permit fees

Non-motorized traffic, on Oregon's waterways, may soon be required to start paying a fee for use of the waterway. House bill 2320 would authorize the program and establish fees. The proposed fees are: a one week permit cost \$4, an annual permit would cost \$12, and a two year permit would be \$20.

The new non-motorized boating program would help pay for upkeep of boat ramps, other facilities and marine patrols that were previously paid largely by fees charged to motorized boaters.

House Bill 2320 would authorize the program and establish fees for transferable permits boaters would have to carry when rowing or sailing their boats.

Jet Boat Activity

The RFF board will soon be filing a petition with the Oregon State Marine Board to restrict jet boat activity on the Rogue River from the Table Rock bridge up to the hatchery. As a convenience to you, we can submit your name as an interested person, which will make it easy to submit your comments electronically. If you do not have the internet, you can submit hand-written comments, and I will post the address, etc. next month. Either way, it is strictly optional on your part. Let me know if you want to be added to the interested persons list.

Jon Iverson, jaiverson19@gmail.com; 541-292-1871

Outing to the South Umpqua and Cow Creek

Southwest Oregon is blessed with many great streams where we can fish for steelhead. Each new year starts off with chrome-bright winter steelhead entering the coastal rivers. As the season progresses, steelhead make their way up the larger river systems and start arriving in the interior valleys. The South Umpqua is one of these streams that get a good run of winter steelhead. By mid-February, the South Umpqua and Cow Creek—a major tributary to the South Umpqua--can offer excellent fishing. On March 4, the Rogue Flyfishers will host an outing to these streams to test our skills in pursuing winter steelhead. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Rest Area/Travel Information Center on the west side of I-5 off of Exit 99 in Canyonville. After a discussion about places to fish and basic techniques for the two streams, we will head to the river.

The South Umpqua is a fairly large river during the winter. It can be effectively fished from either the bank or a boat. For this outing, we will try out a few of the better bank fishing locations. This river is well suited for either swinging flies or dead-drifting egg or nymph patterns. Spey and switch rods work very well for swinging flies in this river; however, single-handed rods can also be used effectively—especially for dead-drifting flies or when fishing from a boat. Cow Creek is much smaller, and while you can use long rods, single-handed rods are generally adequate. There are places to swing a fly on Cow Creek, but the stream is well suited for nymphing techniques. A road that follows Cow Creek, offers plenty of access for bank anglers. The stream is not well suited to fishing from a boat.

The same equipment and flies you use to fish winter steelhead on the Rogue River will work well on the South Umpqua and Cow Creek: seven to eight-weight rods; sink-tip lines for swinging flies; and floating lines for nymphing. For swinging, you can use anything from small traditional steelhead flies to big Intruder-type patterns in a variety of colors, depending the flow and clarity of the water. For nymphing, bring large stonefly or rubber-leg patterns; Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, and Prince Nymphs down to size 12; and egg patterns. Also bring your waders, wading staff, rain jacket, polarized glasses, and the rest of your fishing accessories; along with food and water.

The South Umpqua River and Cow Creek offer a nice change of scenery for winter steelhead anglers from the Rogue Valley, and often the fishing gets going a little earlier in the season than it does on the upper Rogue River. If you are not familiar with these streams, come to the outing to give them a try. If you are familiar with them, come anyway to spend an enjoyable day with your fellow club members, and share your knowledge with other members.

David Haight, Outings Chair

NWEXPO

Who among us have not thought about fishing “The Park”... Yellowstone that is, or at some time needed or wanted an introduction to chironomid fishing? Well you can get a classroom introduction on both subjects and much, much more at the annual EXPO held in Albany on the second weekend of March every year. While there, you can take classes on numerous fly tying subjects and fly casting techniques AND watch some of the most gifted tiers in the NW tie their favorites. The EXPO is a large facility and 40+ tiers at a time will be tying in the middle of the room. They change every few hours. You can just stroll the tables and sit down across from a tier tying a pattern or using a technique you want to learn about. Or you can look at the schedule, i.d. a tier you are familiar with and make sure you are at his or her station at the designated time. If that's not enough, several booths with conservation groups and fly shops are on the periphery. You can see the latest “stuff” and score some deals...bring your allowance. Then there are the raffles, dinner and auction. I have been attending over 10 years and would not miss it. I try to stay at the Comfort Suites which is within walking distance and is full of folks attending the show. Just punch in NWEXPO and you can see all the activities and make reservations for the classes. Hope to see you there! John MacDiarmid

2017 Outings Schedule

Date	Outing	Host/Contact
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	Kim & Keith Hardcastle
January 28 - 29	Coastal Steelhead	David Haight
March 4	South Umpqua/Cow Creek	David Haight
April 15	Beginning Fly Fishing Class	John MacDiarmid
May 20	Lake Selmac	David Haight
May 26 - 29	Upper Williamson River	John Ward
June 17	Diamond Lake	Stephen Day
July 14 - 17	Sprague/Chewaucan River	John Ward
TBA	Upper Sacramento River	Will Johnson
August 19 - 20	Lower Rogue Halfpounders	David Haight
October 7	Steelhead Tournament	Keith Hardcastle
November 4	Fish Lake Tiger Trout	David Haight
January 1, 2018	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

Sprague River Fishing Closed until April 21, 2017

The main stem Sprague River, including North Fork and South Fork, were closed to all fishing Jan. 23, 2017 and will reopen April 22, 2017. This closure **IS NOT** printed for Sprague River on page 63 of the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation. ODFW announced the emergency regulation in order to protect spawning red-band trout from stress and mortality associated with fishing pressure and handling.

Red-band trout spawning in Sprague River spend most of their lives in Upper Klamath Lake, and in fall move into the river up to 90 miles (one way) to spawn. The fish later return to the lake to access better and more diverse food sources.

Sprague River formerly closed after October 31 to protect spawning fish. ODFW increased fishing opportunity by opening Sprague River year-round in 2014.



“ROLLIN’ DOWN THE RIVER” DINNER & AUCTION

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MAY 24, 2017

LOCATION: JACKSON COUNTY EXPO FAIRGROUNDS

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****BUCKET RAFFLE BEGINS AT 4:30 & CLOSSES PROMPTLY**

****THE STEELHEAD PADDLE RAFFLE BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

****LIVE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 7:10 PM AND CONCLUDE BY 8:45**

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SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 160 PRESOLD TICKETS. PURCHASE TICKETS BY APRIL 1ST AND YOU’LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR OUR EARLY BIRD DRAWING. YOU CAN RESERVE & PURCHASE YOUR SEAT BY EMAILING: Mmasters2243@charter.net

Once accepted, make check out to Rogue Fly fishers for **\$25.00** for each seat and mail to:

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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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Fishing trip from Hell

In the winter of 2014, a group of us put together a trip to the Owyhee to fish the Skwala hatch in late March/early April. And if there were no Skwalas fishing would be good using midges or Blue-winged olives? Friend Roger suggested the trip and friend Clint in Eugene had similar ideas. Clint had sold a trip at the club auction of the McKenzie Fly Fishers and decided to combine that trip with Roger's trip as a prelim. I had some reservations because crossing the Cascades in early April can be difficult if the weather is nasty. But, a very loose plan came together. Clint would drive his pickup and fifth-wheel from Eugene and meet us on the river. We would fish for a week and return home. Clint would stay and host his Eugene fishermen. Roger had five friends some of whom had fished the Owyhee once before and were anxious to return. So, three vehicles would leave from Medford planning on tent camping along the river. I would join Clint in his RV and would take my pickup as one of the vehicles because I needed to drive into Caldwell every other day to do dialysis. The trip seemed to lack organization but I had fished the Owyhee often and knew if I kept an eye on the weather I could back out of the trip if I felt it would take too much of a toll.

A phone call from Clint was a portent of what was to come. He had made an early start but, at 10:30 a.m. seven miles west of Harper, Oregon, a remote community on Highway 20 between Burns and Vale, he suddenly realized he had no power, was just coasting, but he was able to get off the road. It was too remote for any cell phone service so he hitched a ride to a roadside service station where he borrowed a phone multiple times in attempt to get a tow truck to tow him into Ontario. A tow truck arrived but it was too small to handle the pickup and RV. A replacement service couldn't find him. When they did it was a driver with a trainee and it took them over an hour to make the tow connection. Clint had called the Ford dealer in Ontario and they were waiting for him to come in. With all the delays the dealership was closed when he finally arrived. He spent the night in a motel and the repairs were done in the morning. He headed for the river and went fishing.

That same morning, the Medford group left at different times but early enough to fish in the evening that day. I made sure to check the weather reports and focused on Highway 140 over Lake of the Woods. No problem all the way to the Idaho border. Just what I needed to hear because I didn't want to drive in snow in a two-wheel drive pickup and don't like putting on chains. The road was great and we made excellent time. However, (you knew there would be a HOWEVER), as we made our way past Christmas Valley the solid cloud cover began to spit snow. The snow became heavier and heavier and was building up quickly. We pushed on but slowed considerably of course. When we were about 10 miles from Highway 395 on the road from Christmas Valley, we were stopped by a local gentleman who told us a semi-truck had jackknifed and completely blocked the road a couple of miles ahead. We went to the spot and found several other cars, a deputy sheriff, and a truck driver who had tried to back down the only really steep stretch in the fifty-mile distance. The snow continued to pile up. It was several inches deep by then. Tow trucks had been called but the deputy had no idea when they might arrive and suggested it might be several hours. I was concerned because I needed to be in Caldwell the next day for dialysis. All the vehicles from Medford had met at the site and after consultation the plan evolved to return to Christmas Valley, drive south to Valley Falls where the Bend/Lakeview road met Highway 395 and then head north to Burns. We did so and drove out of the snow as we went south to Valley Falls where we headed north again. And, again, we ran into snow. It was sometimes heavy and sometimes we could make better time but it was a very slow process. We made it to Burns where we ran out of the snow covered roads and were able to make good time. But it was late in the day and we would arrive at the river well after dark.

It was a very dark night when we arrived. It was 10 p.m. and raining. The Medford fishermen had an idea where they wanted to camp but had only been there once before and couldn't find the spot they were seeking. After several failed attempts, they agreed to take me further upriver to meet Clint and then continue their search for their campsite. Clint and I found them the next day camped about 50 yards from the site they were seeking. It was so dark they finally just set up camp and hoped for the best.

Fishing was okay, I made it to dialysis, and we were having a good time. Then the hot water heater went out on Clint's RV and he developed a sore throat that seemed to get worse and worse. So, because he was anticipating his Eugene guests in a few days, he broke camp, hauled the RV into town and had it repaired all the time feeling more and more ill. The downriver camp with the other Medford fishermen was having success until they lit a fire in a stove that got out of hand. They burned most of a large wall tent that had been borrowed from a hunting friend. There was considerable discussion about who caused the fire and how it would be paid for. We finished the week and made plans to head home

Fishing had been good if not outstanding but spirits were high with exception of Clint. Sore throat and now a runny nose kept him from fishing and he had to deal with his Eugene auction winners who would arrive in two days. We encouraged him to go to Vale or Ontario and find an emergency care. He seemed very ill and worsening.

As we left on our uneventful return trip to Medford, Clint had decided that he did not want to risk exposing his auction winners to his illness and would return home at once. Clint's return home was not uneventful. He made great time, especially with the hour gain as Mountain Time Zone was escaped and open roads in eastern Oregon. However, (you knew there would be a HOWEVER), as he turned onto Highway 126 after leaving the Santiam Pass area, he noticed a dash light that informed him his battery was not charging. He stopped, cleaned battery posts, and tried to proceed. Still no charging of the battery. Out of any phone range. He decided to go as far as he could and ran out of power near Blue River. It was 4 p.m. when a very ill Clint called a tow service for the second time in a week. It was a Sunday afternoon and no tow service was interested in driving 20 miles out of Eugene to tow his pickup and RV. About 6 p.m. he found a service that would come from Salem. With fading cell phone and no way to recharge he waited until 9:20 p.m. for the tow truck to arrive and then had a very slow trip to Eugene and the Ford dealership. He had traveled 400 miles with the flu and didn't get to bed until 1 a.m. and then had to deal with a dead battery and alternator the next day.

Fish were caught, stories were shared, and the group was amiable. This makes for a good fishing trip but the memory of the Fishing Trip from Hell makes it something special. But, we returned a few months later. The Owyhee is a fishery that draws people from all over the world. You should try it but check the weather and your vehicle before you go.

Jim Harleman

My apologies to anyone who was on this trip and whose memory may vary from mine. It was written from my perspective and with probably a fading memory. I hope the burned tent issue was resolved amiably.

Highway 62 Cleanup

Last Saturday, January 21, 2017 was a day of rain and on occasion no rain. Later the sun tried to break through and that cheered things up quite a bit. Greg Hart did a flawless job of organizing this event and it came off without a hitch other than the rain. Here is a message from Greg.

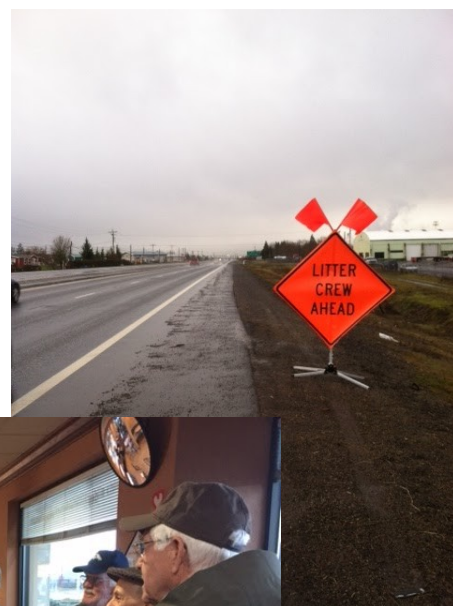
Thanks again for the help on Saturday!

The names of the members who came out to help are as follows:

Jim Ferguson
Kirk Kowalke
Jack Patterson
Thomas Collett
Greg Hart
Richard Chambers
Harry Foster
Michael Smith
Bill Burns
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Greg Hart

The next cleanup will be Friday April 28th, 2017



Greg giving assignments

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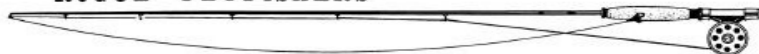
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Renew in December for the following year.

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