



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

**Goodbye 2020
Looking forward to a
better 2021**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Steve Day

“Fish Don’t Talk Back”

So I just want to be there! (See photo) I’m having another episode of IDD. Inspirational Deficit Disorder. Several days of thinking about, thinking about writing this. And nothing? Is that redundant? Possibly?

Now, I’m not only asking questions of myself out loud, but I’m answering myself out loud as well. The best I can come up with is to dream about Spring and the ample fishing opportunities that comes with it. As a result, as I write this, I again have no idea where this is going to go but it is raining and that’s a good thing.



Maybe I’ll just throw out some random thoughts as they come to mind. Not terribly cerebral or inspirational but today that’s as good as it gets.

Those outloud answers to my outloud questions. (Spelling lesson alert. Outloud is two words, not one word. Out and loud.) I really did have to look this one up. This is relevant because five minutes in and I’ve misspelled it and corrected it several times now. I’m done correcting it.

I wonder if carrying on a conversation with oneself outloud is a sign of a more serious condition? Crickets from me. Not answering that one, out loud or otherwise but I know what you’re thinking!

Oh, but many of you think talking to fish is apparently a socially accepted form of communication? What’s up with that?

It must be! I’ve done this with great regularity and if I’m not mistaken, several of my closest fishing partners do this on a regular basis as well. (I’m starting to feel much better now.) Kind of a form of self intervention.

Talking to the fish with statements or declarations such as, “Oh come on, eat It!” , “Get away from the (insert *potty mouth*) anchor rope!” and then there’s the “Here fishy, fishy, fishy!” the embarrassing chant that can often be heard at great distances across the water. All of these comments as well as many others are common. And yes, full disclosure, I’ve done that.

Getting personal with fishes happens all the time. One of my favorite fishing partners, thanks each fish upon the release. A true statement of well deserved appreciation and gratuity. Hopefully the fish understand this.

And then there are those incidents, albeit rare, (laughing out loud) of personal insults and name calling, directed specifically at an individual fish. This often happens when the suspect angler hooks a fish that runs hard only to be suddenly stopped by the angler standing on the fly line, or the line becoming entangled on one of the dozens of line grabbing Gremlins, found in most boats. This quick stop reliably results in a long distance separation of fish and angler. And somehow it’s the fishes fault?

Tippets break, hooks come out or a fish becomes entangled in subsurface rocks, weeds or brush resulting in the unexpected and early release of said fish. These adventures routinely involve a fish of the larger variety, causing the angler to instantaneously get personal with the fish in some R Rated fashion and they do it outloud! Or “out loud”.

Well fortunately the “Fish Don’t Talk Back”. That I do know, I think?

The best part is, I am feeling much better now and it’s still raining. That’s a good thing. And I still want to be there. Again, (see photo above).

Be well everyone.....

CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING

JUNE 25th thru 27th, 2021



If you've ever wanted to fish Crane Prairie, or fished it and struggled with figuring it out, this will be a great opportunity! Crane can be tough but with a little direction with timely information, it can be a blast.

Keith Hardcastle and Steve Day are hosting this Outing and will be there to help. The Official Base Camp for this adventure will be in the Rock Creek Campground at Space 10. Rock Creek Campground is located at the south west corner of the Lake and close to some great fishing locations. There is a boat ramp in the Campground and the shoreline there is such that personal watercraft can be launched with ease. Your Hosts will be at the Lake all week and with a little luck will have things dialed in by the Outing Weekend.



Crane is famous for the large, robust Rainbows, affectionately known as "Cranebows". Brook Trout, Kokanee and Largemouth Bass call Crane home as well. Crane Prairie is a shallow lake over flooded timber with Damsels, Leeches and Chironomids dominating the food chain.

Reservations for Rock Creek Campground are now available through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Quinn River Campground and Cultus Lake Campground are very close and only a short drive to Rock Creek. I would strongly recommend getting reservations as soon as possible if you plan on going.

Currently we are keeping our fingers crossed so that we can have our famous Pot Luck BBQ on Saturday evening the 26th. We'll keep you posted on that and we will follow up on fishing techniques, fly patterns and more as we get closer to the Outing.

So, come on out, fish, fellowship and enjoy. For more information contact Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or (661) 742-5835.

Auction News – Spare Spool Sale

Nautilus NV 8/9 - \$ 80.00



Galvin R-5 - \$ 80.00



Contact Tim Bolling (RFFishers90@gmail.com) if interested

Winter Steelhead Outings

Southern Oregon Coast

The outing to the Southern Oregon coast to fish for winter steelhead planned for January 30 and 31 was postponed due to poor weather and high rivers. It is now scheduled for February 6 and 7. Based on the current forecast, it looks like conditions should be good, and the recent high water should have brought in a bunch of fresh fish. If you are interested in attending this outing and you are not already on my list, send me an email at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net, and I will send you the details about the outing.

Cow Creek

On February 27, we will hold an outing to Cow Creek to fish for winter steelhead. Cow Creek is a major tributary to the South Umpqua, and gets a good run of winter steelhead starting about mid-January. Being one of the smaller streams open to steelhead fishing, it offers a more intimate experience. It is primarily a bank fishery and has plenty of public access. There is good water for both swinging and dead-drifting flies.

Because fishing in Cow Creek is dependent on having suitable flows, the date of the outing may be changed. Those interested in attending this outing should email me at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net to get on the list. As we get close to the date of the outing, I will send out information to the people that have signed up.

David Haight, Outings Chair



Hello Rogue Fly Fishers,

The local Girl Scout troop in Phoenix has decided to donate all of their proceeds from cookie sales to the Almeda fire victims this year. One of their own lost their home to the blaze and these girls want to help, and my daughter is one of those girls. Her troop leader was on the news recently and the story got some attention. Here is a brief explanation from an email I got from the troop leader of just how big of a deal this could be for these Scouts.

"Well, it turns out that our council Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington was so moved by the story that they shared it with Girl Scouts USA. Girl Scouts USA were also very impressed by how we are giving back to our community after the fires, saying this truly exemplifies what Girl Scouts is all about. With that being said, I spoke with GSUSA yesterday, and they would like to promote our story at a national level. This could mean sharing it on national news stations and shows. They are even in talks with the Drew Barrymore show and think this would be a great fit for her "Drew Gooders" segment."

As you can see this is a big deal for these Girls. They too have had to improvise with cookie sales, their main fundraiser, this year due to the virus. All sales will be online only this year. If anyone needs cookies and would like to help these girls help out the fire victims please go to this site digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/sarah327903 Please enter like this there is no need for a www at the beginning of the site address. Girl Scout cookies make an excellent riverside snack.

Thank you all so much,
John Pogue
Recording Secretary

Food for thought from Otis Swisher

To ODFW study committee:
re: simplification of fishing regulations

I attended the 16 June Info meeting in White City and had two comments 1) was re: opening of the Rogue River to trout fishing year round, as it was before Hooten (an ODFW Biologist) pushed through a change closing the entire River to troutng April 1 to Memorial Day week end).

My assumption was that the closure was to protect the hatchery smolts which take only 2 weeks to get to the ocean. In discussion, at that meeting I was told that the closure was to protect the Wild smolts on their downstream movement.

If this is the main purpose for the closure, let me suggest that your regulations must now reflect equally the need to protect the Adult Wild Spawners of the Wild Steelhead population during that same time. The present regulations allow the take of FIVE WILD STEELHEAD OF 24-INCHES AND LARGER during that same period of time.

These extra large fish have the best genetic structure of the winter run and, therefore, are the ones which maintain a healthy population for that Winter fishery. So, what you are trying to gain in the protection of spring smolts is being undone or thwarted by the taking of your best genes from your best adults. This is like the 8th grade math problem where you are to fill a tank while at the same time allowing an outflow to take place.

In a discussion with one of your fisheries biologists headquartered in your White City Office, I understand that the 5 Wild Fish exception rationale came by a Fishing Organization Group, saying that the breakdown of Steelhead in the Rogue System in April and May was a mix of clearly distinguishable Steelhead (Summer Steelhead were UP TO 24 inches in length, while Winter Steelhead were 24 inches and longer). Hence to protect the Summer fish run which was declining, fishers could take from the Winter fish population which in the club's judgment was a "healthy run" consisting of those distinguishable at 24 inches or longer. Wild fish UNDER 24 inches MUST be released.

I suggest that in the big picture, the Summer Run fish, which are primarily small and intermittent stream spawners, are now being aided by the removal of tributary dams, culverts, and other migration impediments such as those on Evans Creek thus permitting these small and intermittent tributaries of the Rogue to be more fully utilized for spawning, they are being assisted in your attempt to return them to a "healthy status".

Furthermore, with the removal of the main stream dams (Savage Rapids and Gold Ray) you now have a brand new river unimpeded from the ocean to plan for. Since the Winter Steelhead are known as main stream spawners, and the problems of riparian destruction and the effect of warming water protection, along with the lessening supply of recruitment gravels for spawning, I believe it is time for a new approach in the regulations which moves away from "we can steadily pick away at our healthy Wild Winter Steelhead population until it becomes threatened", to one which is based on the premise: The Public has demanded a Hatchery fish fishery, and we have given them their wishes since the opening of Cole Rivers Hatchery to the tune of 50,000,000 hatchery smolts; SO. let us NOW have a 50 year program with the emphasis on the place and need for Winter Steelhead which are the permanent foundation of the fish runs for even more years than we are planning for.

If it is necessary to provide a TAKE for the Barbeque Crowd, it should be from the 2,000,000 Hatchery smolts in the Spring, instead of from your best of the best of the Brood Stock, which are the BIG 24inches and larger spawner adults from the Wild fish brood stock which we are allowing to be killed because we are playing Russian Roulette with their numbers by saying "this is a healthy run, now". A better solution: NO WILD FISH TO BE TAKEN FROM THE STREAMS OF OREGON (EXCEPT BROOK TROUT, BULL TROUT... or others you designate.) This protects your wild smolts AND your best wild brood stock.

The future of all salmonid runs depends on the wild stocks which must be maintained, starting right now.

Dear RFF Member:

It is time to renew your RFF Membership for 2021. In order to be listed in the official club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2021. Our new club directories will be available the end of April, 2021.

To renew your membership go to rogueflyfishers.org and look to the right, under Electronic Membership application or renewal, and click on pay with PayPal. Complete the form and then press Submit to continue to payment. Or, if you prefer, please print and fill out the form below and US mail the form and a check to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501.

If you have any questions please contact the RFF Membership Chairman Don Dabney, Email address: drdabney49@gmail.com.

We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.
Sincerely,

Your RFF Board of Directors

Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal - 2021

Name: _____

Address:

_____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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Should you NOT want your email address in the club directory, check here: _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names, and email if different:

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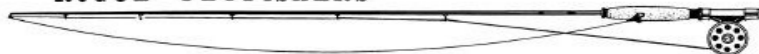
Are you a member of the **Fly Fishers International**? (circle one): Yes No

(Circle one) Individual: \$35 Family: \$45 Junior (under 18): \$5 Honorary Life Member \$0

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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.

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