

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**

# **February Meeting Cancelled**

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### **Committee Heads**

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The February meeting of the Rogue Flyfishers has been cancelled. With the risk from Coronavirus still high, the desire of many of our members to use caution, and the uncertainty about our meeting venue being able to resume food service, the Board of Directors determined it was better to postpone the resumption of our monthly dinner meetings until conditions improve.

We recognize the value of our monthly meetings, and hate to cancel them, but it did not make sense to plan to hold a meeting when we very likely would have to cancel at the last minute



### President's Message from David Haight

My term as your President is certainly not starting out like I hoped or expected. I was optimistic that the club would get back to a more normal schedule in 2022—then Omicron hit! With the rapid surge of the Corona virus, we were forced to cancel the January meeting. Our members, understandably, opted to play it safe, and we did not receive enough dinner reservations to justify holding the meeting. At our recent Board meeting, the Directors debated whether to try to hold a meeting in February. We determined it did not make sense to try to resume meetings at this time. Virus levels are still high, many of our members are still staying close to home, and it is uncertain if Centennial will be able to accommodate us due to issues they are facing from COVID. We plan to delay the resumption of our monthly meetings until conditions improve enough that a significant number of our members feel comfortable attending meetings again. Unfortunately, that means we likely won't have meetings in March or April as well.

We also decided to postpone our fund-raising auction that was scheduled for May 14. We have a lot of great items for the auction, but with the interruption of our schedule and the uncertainty about the virus, we feel that we may not get the attendance, in May, we need for a successful auction. Our Auction Chair, Tim Bolling, is working to come up with an alternate plan.

In its place, on Saturday May 14, we will have a picnic at Tou Velle State Park. We will have more details later, but it will feature good food and activities for your whole family.

Since they are a relatively-safe outdoor activity, our outings are continuing as planned. We had a very enjoyable outing to the coast at the end of January. The rivers were low and the steelhead fishing slow due to the lack of rain, but the weather was nice and the company was great!

Jerry Haynes will be leading an outing to Cow Creek this month. Cow Creek is a small stream that offers great opportunities to catch winter steelhead with a fly. Look for the announcement later in this newsletter. On April 9, Jerry with be leading an outing to the Lower Sacramento River to fish for the trophy rainbow trout the river is famous for. Jerry has reserved two guide boats to take those anglers who either don't have their own boat or that want to take advantage of the expertise a guide can offer. Jerry needs to confirm with the guides that people will be using their services fairly soon, so if you want a seat in a guide's boat, let Jerry know right away.

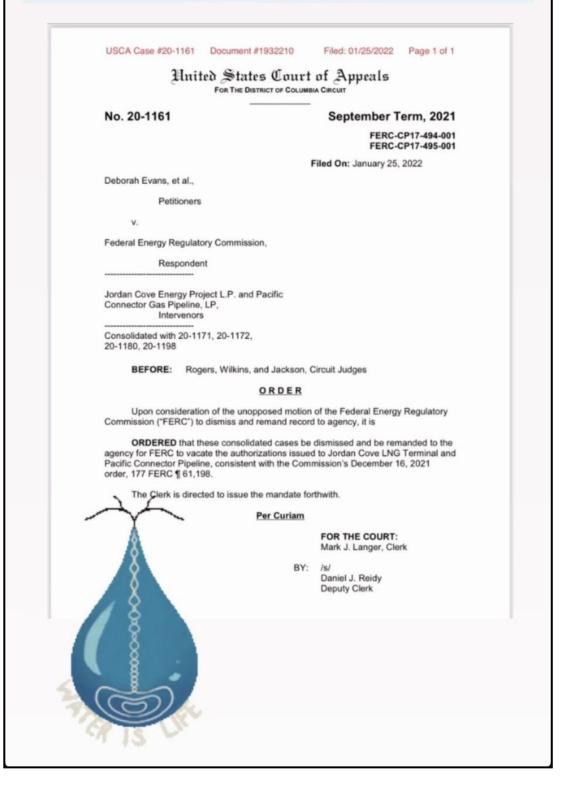
We are looking for a new Treasurer. Steve Star is unable to continue in the roll, and would like to find a replacement as soon as possible. The Treasurer is a very important position in the club, and we are looking for someone that has good accounting skills. If you can help or know someone who can, please let me or another Board member know.

I hope that by the time I write my message next month, things will be looking much better. I am certainly looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings and seeing all of you again. In the meantime, I encourage you to take advantage of the outings and other things the club can offer.

## Membership Raffle Winner Announced

To encourage the prompt payment of the 2022 membership dues, the Rogue Flyfishers promised to raffle a prize for those who paid their membership dues by December 31. Since the club did not have a meeting in January and cancelled the February meeting, the Board of Directors randomly selected the winner. Gary Mayfield is the lucky winner of a Temple Fork Outfitters BVK, 10-foot, 4-piece, 5-weight rod with a TFO rod case. Thank you to Gary and the others who have paid their 2022 membership dues. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. It helps the club both financially and for planning purposes for the members to renew in a timely manner.

# The final nail in the Jordan Cove LNG pipeline coffin: the official order from DC circuit 💐 💐 👏



### SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING April 9, 2022



Come join us for an opportunity to hook large wild Sacramento River Rainbows. The Sacramento is "an emerald green fountain, the lifeblood of Northern California". It is also the best trout stream fishery on the West Coast and a three hour drive down Interstate 5 from Medford.

There is limited bank access and best fishing is from a boat. For those who don't have a boat to float the river (or prefer fishing to rowing), we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Kyncy Guide Service of Redding <u>https://kyncyguideservice.com</u>.

The cost of the guided trip is \$475 per boat or **\$237.50 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and files as well as lunch provided by the guides. **This is a special discounted rate the club has received.** Other California fly fishing guides charge up to \$350 per angler. **The deadline for booking a guided trip on the Sacramento is February 28.** If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com.

## **Girl Scout Cookies**

My daughter is selling girl scout cookies this year. It's all done online now the link is: <u>https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/sarah327903</u>



That's right! You can order your favorite Girl Scout Cookies from me online, all while helping my troop and I do...

Thank you John Pogue

# **CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING**

# JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2022



Come join us for our big summer outing of the year. Crane Prairie Reservoir will again be our destination in June. The Official Base Camp for this Outing will be Rock Creek Campground, Space 10. Your Hosts will be there from Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to come by anytime, for any reason.

Rock Creek Campground is located at the southwest corner of the lake and reservations are currently being accepted through www.recreation.gov. Quinn River and Cultus Lake campgrounds are also very close. If you are planning on attending, I would recommend making reservations soon as this area fills up quickly.

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

### **AUCTION NEWS**

Historically attendance at our Auction and dinner has ranged between 120 and 140 people. We need at least that many people to attend given the cost of putting on the auction plus to generate enough cash to support the many projects and activities we try to fund during the course of a year. With the lower-than-normal attendance at our regular December meeting plus the cancellation of the January meeting, concern has been raised about what attendance will be like at the auction and dinner in May. Our Board of Directors met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and a decision was made to postpone the auction and dinner until this fall. We are currently working with Centennial Golf Club, Rogue Oregon Auctioneers, and Back Porch Bar and Grill to establish a new date. A notice will be sent out once that date is established. In the meantime, we are considering alternative ways to raise some money prior to the auction so we can continue to provide some level support for those projects and activities that need immediate action.

Tim Bolling Auction Chair

## Loss of Legend

Frank Moore passed away peacefully at 6:16 Sunday evening (1/23 )surrounded by family. One week from his 99th birthday. Private burial at Wimberly Cemetery in Glide. A memorial some time this spring.

A sad day when legends pass...Frank Moore was one of those, and not just for those of us who knew him as a local friend and lifelong fisher of local waters.

He left his mark on many, and his legacy and gentleman's approach tolife lives on through all of us. Now sitting and watching over us from above, we must go about this passing of torch he oversees. What efforts and what passion will we spend to carry on dreams and visions for our treasured gifts of land water and fish? May we all be up to the challenge and example that Frank so admirably carried through his long journey amongst us. His firm hand is on our shoulder, his love pushing from behind.

More information can be found in this article in the Roseburg newspaper:

https://www.nrtoday.com/news/environment/a-giant-in-our-community-family-friends-remember-frank-moore-wwii-veteran-and-legendary-fly/article\_10113e27-d3aa-5241-84b8-4384523eae34.html

## **COW CREEK OUTING**

FEBRUARY 23, 2022



Come join us for our first opportunity to hook big Umpqua System Winter Steelhead. Cow Creek, a major tributary of the South Umpqua, will be our be our destination in February. Cow Creek is primarily a bank fishery and has plenty of public access for drifting or swinging flies.

Because fishing in Cow Creek is dependent on having suitable flows, the date of the outing may be changed. If you are interested in attending, please email Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com to get on the list. Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

### Fishing S. Umpqua and Cow creek

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It was a foggy morning when Iverson and I headed out for a trip to Canyonville area in search of winter steelhead. We arrived at the casino hole about 930 and had it pretty much to ourselves so we wandered up and fished it well for about an hour. Nothin much happening although Jon saw one gear fisher with one on briefly. We decided to move to the Gazelly rd exit and fish the area where Cow creek enters, only to find a dozen bait fishers with a nice warming fire kegged up in the hole below the confluence. They were just landing a nice bright fish when I walked up to say hello. We fished it a little below them but had trouble reaching the sweet spot in the river and so we decided to move on to Cow creek. Cow creek was only running about 500 Cfs at Riddle as low as I have fished it so we stopped at several spots and cast to some likely holes. Not much happening until about 2 o'clock I hooked into my first Cow creek steelhead. At first it didn't pull real hard and I thought maybe I had on a trout, then it took off and the fun really started. I really didn't want to lose this first fish and so played it carefully, got it on the reel and kept my rod tip low and led it into the shore. Of course it didn't like that shallow water and made numerous runs before I was able to beach him in the sand just as Jon showed up with the net. I released a very nice maybe 24" wild steelhead my very first on Cow creek and felt Joy as I watched him swim away. Also I released a rubber worm from its mouth that it must have taken away from another angler. We rested the spot a little and I pointed out where I hooked up to Jon and he went in and hooked up with another one. As I scrambled back up to where he was with the net the fish made a spectacular jump and threw the hook. It was a much larger fish than I had caught and although we were sad to see it get off it is still such a thrill. We congratulated each other, and tried a few more casts before moving on. A very nice fishing experience we had and looking forward to many more. Get out and enjoy this passion we have hope to see you out there. Kirk

### **2022 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

If you haven't already done so, please pay your membership dues for 2022. Although the club has not been strict about the payment of dues due to the suspension of club meetings over the last two years, the club continues to incur expenses. It would be very helpful to the club if those of you who have not yet renewed would do so as soon as possible. In order to be listed in the club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2022. Our new club directory will be available the end of April, 2022.

To renew your membership, go to <u>rogueflyfishers.org</u> 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 on the back page of this newsletter 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: <u>drdabney49@gmail.com</u>. We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support. JACKSON/JOSEPHINE COUNTIES, OREGON P.O. BOX 4637 MEDFORD, OR 97501

# **Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources**

The Ashland Fly Shop Field & Stream The Fishin' Hole Rogue Fly Shop Rogue Valley Anglers Sportsman's Warehouse 399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland
293 Rossanley Drive Medford
21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove
941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass
218 E. Main St., Medford
1710 Delta Waters Road Medford

541-488-6454 541-930-3254 541-878-4000 541-476-0552 541-973-2988 541-732-3700

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

#### 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. **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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