

FEBRUARY 2023

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.

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MEETING

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday February 15th
at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet Fly 5:45 to 6:45
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Program 7:45 – 8:45
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25 per person

Menu

Taco Bar, Seasoned Beef, Seasoned Chicken, All the Fixins
Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Santa Fe Salad
Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (February 10th)
preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com
(give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call
(661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at
icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742-5835

by Friday preceding the meeting



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President's Message from David Haight

The Rogue Flyfishers got the year off to a great start with our annual New Year's Day Chili Feed at the Holy Water. The weather was nice, and we had a good turnout from both the Rogue Flyfishers and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. The food was great with seven pots of chili and plenty of sides and desserts. I always enjoy trying the diverse versions of chili that club members bring to the event. While all the pots of chili were great, Bill Burns was the big winner of the 2023 chili contest.

As I mentioned last month, we have three new members on the Board of Director's: Bill Burns, Dale Day, and Tammy Dedrick. Tammy volunteered to be the new Auction Chair, and Dale will take on the role of Conservation Chair. This means all of our board positions and committee chairs are filled. I offer a big thank you these and all the members that volunteer their time and talents to help the club succeeded and achieve our mission. There is, however, plenty of work to go around, and we need additional people serve on committees, and help with various tasks and projects. Plus, Steve Day would like someone to take over arranging programs. If you are interested in helping, please contact me, any of the board members, or the appropriate committee chairs.

We are looking for ways to improve the club to make it better for the existing members, and hopefully, to attract new members. Some of the members feel the price of dinner is too high, especially for families. Some question whether we should even have dinner at the meetings. To get a better idea of the members views on these and other topics, we will be conducting a survey of the member in the near future.

We have a lot of great things planned for this year. We have a very full schedule of fun outings. We will be offering a beginning fly fishing class, and hopefully other classes. We will have our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, but note the following exceptions: Our April meeting will be the joint fly-tying meeting with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers on **Thursday April 20**. We will not have dinner meetings in May or June, but will have a picnic on **June 10**. As usual, we will not have meetings in July and August. Our **December meeting** will be on the **13th** instead of the 20th to avoid conflicts with the holidays.

Our February meeting will feature a program by Ryan Allred about fishing the Klamath River. The Klamath River is close and offers great fly fishing for steelhead and trout. This should be an interesting program for those of us that want to learn more about these fisheries.

Also this month, we will have two outings to the *Land of Umpqua*. On February 10, Dave Grosjaques will lead an outing to Cow Creek. When conditions are right, this small stream offers fantastic fishing for winter steelhead. Dave knows this creek well, and can show you where and how to catch fish. Then on February 23, we will have the outing to the South Umpqua, which was advertised in the January newsletter. The South Umpqua has a large number of hatchery steelhead, but also has a good run of wild steelhead that can reach pretty impressive sizes. Both of these outings should be fun and informative.

If you haven't already renewed your RFF membership, please do so. You can renew at the February meeting, or you can fill out and mail in the form included in this newsletter along with your payment.



Financial News by Tim Bolling

In an attempt to have the financial status of the Rogue Flyfishers be more transparent, I will occasionally have an article in the club newsletter explaining how and why we handle our finances the way we do.

As Auction Chair, I was frequently asked what we do with the money we raise at the auction. 70% of what we net at the auction is set aside and used to fund various grants and other requests we get from other organizations. Those organizations must complete a Grant Request Form (found on our website) where they must indicate the purpose of the funds and how that project will directly benefit the Rogue River Watershed. That grant request is reviewed by a Board Member(s) who then make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors. So, for example, at the December Board meeting a request for \$ 2500 was received from the Rogue River Watershed Council and approved. In addition to the “unrestricted” Grant Fund (funded by the auction), we also have a “restricted” grant fund. All money in the “restricted” grant fund was donated to the club with a stipulation that the money be used for a specific project or purpose. At present all the money we have in the “restricted” grant fund is earmarked for youth programs. So, we also received a grant request at the December Board meeting from the Oregon Stewardship organization for \$ 1000 which we also approved.

Okay, so what about the remaining 30% that we raise at the auction along with all the money the club collects? I’ll go through a list of administrative and other expenses we have in a future article.

An Introduction To The Art, Science and Joy of Fly Fishing

John Pogue and John MacDiarmid will conduct a fly fishing class for beginners on Saturday May 6. In this one day class participants will learn everything needed to fish the Rogue for steelhead and trout. The class will cover wading equipment, rods, reels, lines, leaders and flies. Basic knots will be taught and there will be a section on entomology, aquatic insects, and the flies that imitate them. The final lesson will be on presenting the fly and casting. If you have a rod, reel and line, bring them but do not buy equipment for the class. We will answer the question, what rod should I buy? The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you need a rod. Each year in late May and early June a large stone fly hatch occurs in the upper Rogue River above Shady Cove. The class will cover how to fish this hatch.

You must be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. You can join on line at the club’s website. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto .

The class will be held on May 6 from 9 to 3:30 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park club house. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill.

Email John MacDiarmid at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com to register for the class. Questions? Call John at 541-840-0183. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend.

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 3/15/23, 4/20 w/SOFF
Club Board Meeting; 3/1, 4/5, 5/3
Intro to Fly Fishing Class 5/6
SO Fly Tyers meeting 2/14, 3/14. 4/11
Outings: Cow Creek 2/10
 S. Umpqua 2/23
 Sacramento River 3/18
 Lake Selmac 4/12
Events; Fly Tyer’s Expo 3/10

Check the Club Calendar for more information

February Program Ryan Allred



Ryan Allred is the head guide and owner of Jefferson Flywater. He has over 20 years of guiding experience in Northern California and Southern Oregon, as well as several years in Chile. He is an **FFI** certified casting instructor, holds a Masters degree in Freshwater Ecology and was a five time member of the USA rafting team. Ryan recently became the Native Fish Society ambassador to the Klamath River.



We have a lot to celebrate in 2023

This year has brought new and exciting developments for RRWC and we are looking forward to sharing them with you and celebrating together.

Join us for a delicious plated dinner, silent auction, the “Get the Fish up the River” game, project highlight videos, and plenty of time to gather around the table with old and new friends

More information will be coming to you in mid-March. Watch for our invitation via email or mail and we hope to see you on April 29th!



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Central Point, OR 97502
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California lilac photo: Suzie Savoie

SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

March 18, 2023



We were rained out last year but as promised we are going to the Sacramento again in 2023. Come join us for an opportunity to hook large wild Sacramento River Rainbows. The Sacramento is one of best trout stream fisheries 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 water craft to float the river, we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Jeff Goodwin Guide Service of Redding <https://www.jeffgoodwinfishing.com>. The cost of the guided trip is **\$250 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and flies as well as lunch provided by the guides.

If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com. **Guided fishing spots are limited so don't delay in reserving a trip.** Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER OUTING

February 23, 2023



Come join us for an opportunity to hook some of Southern Oregon's largest winter steelhead on the South Umpqua River. The South Umpqua is known not only for its chrome wild fish but also for its enormous hatchery fish. And it's only a 45 minute drive from Grants Pass.

There is limited bank access and best fishing can be from a boat. For those who don't have watercraft to float the river, we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Zack Hancock Outfitters out of Sutherlin <https://www.hancockoutfitters.com/#gallery>. The cost of the guided trip is **\$250 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and files.

If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com. **Guided fishing spots are extremely limited so don't delay in reserving a trip.** Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

2023 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is time to renew your RFF Membership for 2023. In order for the Board of Directors to determine the club's budget for 2023, it is important and helpful that your dues are paid by December 31st. As an extra incentive for meeting the December 31st deadline, there will be a special raffle at the January meeting for all members who pay their dues by December 31, 2022. In order to be listed in the official club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2023. Our new club directories will be available the end of April, 2023.

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 - 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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:

Best Contact Number: _____

Monthly Newsletter - *please indicate your preference by circling one*: Mailed Electronically

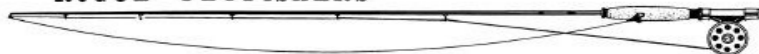
Are you a member of the **Fly Fishers International**? (circle one): Yes No

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

Dues Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (*Please make check payable to Rogue Flyfishers*)

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The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	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; **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,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

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

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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