

ROGUE FLYFISHERS

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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 the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

NEWSLETTER

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"IN THE MIX" featuring Fly Fisher and Photographer Curtis Mix



**WELCOME 2010 DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th- RED LION HOTEL
200 N. RIVERSIDE, MEDFORD OR**

Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 PM - Buffet Dinner and Raffle at 7PM.

For those of you who are not familiar with Curtis, he is a superb fly fisher and photographer who travels quite a bit catching fish and taking pictures.

He will be sharing a slide show on "BLACKFEET NATION" which is a beautiful area just east of Glacier National Park. These spring fed lakes are full of well fed Rainbows, Browns and Cutthroats. Fishing is year round including ice fishing! He will share his fishing techniques and adventures and a beautiful array of nature and wildlife photos as well. (<http://curtismix.smugmua.com/>) This will be a most enjoyable evening!

Bring your raffle ticket money and your fly for the skin!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OPENING THIS NEW YEAR WITH YOU!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - LEE WEDBERG

Today let's talk about enjoying the process. In so many recreational pursuits the whole point is to enjoy the process itself, and the supposed goal is in fact simply a carrot held out there as an excuse for DOING, rather than achieving some end. For example, if you really wish to get to the other end of the pool, rather than changing into a bathing suit and swimming over there, then drying off and changing back into your civvies, why not simply walk around there in the first place? If you really want the ball over there on the other side of the net why go to all that trouble to suit up in appropriate gear including tennis racket, and swing away when you could simply catch the ball and carry it over there and drop it over the net into the other court. You see? The answer is because we don't necessarily want to get to the other end of the pool or keep the ball on the other side of that net efficiently, that's not the point at all. Rather we want to ENJOY THE PROCESS of swimming or competing according to a set of rules that we create.

This idea is what some of us are driving at when we say we don't really have to catch fish in order to enjoy a day on the water. That is, we don't have to CATCH FISH, but we do have to get out there with our gear at a place where there is reasonable probability that a fish might be caught. You see? That's the point. The point is to enjoy the process of casting with a fly rod and watching that line roll out there with a nice tight loop, and seeing the fly settle on the water upstream from where a fish had been rising. All of this requires a bit of understanding of what to do and how to do it, something of the biology of the fish and how we might tap into that biology with a bit of chicanery and see if we can fool him into falling for our ruse. We take pride in doing something that requires a measure of skill that comes from study and practice.

The beginning fly fisher, of course, wants to catch a fish, and any fish will do. As his/her horizons expand he/she wants to catch more fish and bigger ones. But do these higher numbers satisfy the driving motive? Of course not, they merely redefine the reason for the activity. The loftier goal is simply a way of testing one's skills and taking pride as we watch them grow. When swimming five laps becomes mundane, try for 10. When your regular partner can no longer compete against your improving skills it is time to move a step up the ladder. And so let us recognize where we are in this game of fly fishing. Each one of us has a certain amount of skill and understanding based upon our individual history and initiative, and none of us can claim perfection. There is always something more to learn. Always. So forget the notion that you have to catch fish, lots of them, big ones too, and instead enjoy the process of pursuing. That's what hobbies are for. That's what fly fishing is all about.

As John Gierach says, "a lot of us fish day after day as much for what could happen as for what actually does happen."

So Many Fish, So Little Time...

This terrible weather has kept me off the water for much of the last month, and consequently this report is based largely on my angling log for January, 1999 through 2009. The thing to remember this time of year is to check conditions before committing to an outing. Weather can be anything from comfortable shirt sleeve balmy to rain or snow with temperatures cold enough to freeze the line in the guides. And by the way, if that happens the trick is to immerse that part of the rod in the water until the ice melts, then go ahead and cast until it ices up again. Owing to vagaries of weather the river can be significantly below 1,000 c.f.s. coming out of the dam, or up over 3,000 c.f.s. Most of the time the river will be low enough to be worth the trip except between storms when it might temporarily become high and cloudy. And if conditions are tolerable, fishing can be like any other season, often outstanding but just as often very slow. So what am I going to do? I make a point of studying the 7-day forecast everyday looking for signs of hope. I'll be on the river any time it looks like I'll enjoy it, only for an hour or two if that's all they give me or for a drift if we get lucky. As always, be prepared for a hatch of some kind with dry flies and soft hackles, and also carry weighted nymphs when there is no surface action. Swinging streamers, of course, is always a good bet.

Looking ahead, the Corps of Engineers will begin filling Lost Creek Lake after flood season, probably in March or April, which means that releases will be somewhat less than inflow unless a heavy storm comes along. They usually plan on filling the lake for the months of May and June, during which time inflow will equal outflow. Then the elevation of the lake will slowly drop until late September, and releases from the dam will exceed inflow all summer long. So plan ahead and get out when you can.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LOG

Date	Key Contact	Activity Description	Participants
Dec. 5, 2009	John Ward, RFF Conservation Chairman. Phone: 541-482-2859. E-mail: John_ward@ msn.com	Tree planting along Quartz Creek, a tributary to Jump-Off Joe Creek that flows into the Rogue River. This planting was sponsored by the Middle Rogue Watershed Council. Dogwood, Incense Cedar and Ponderosa Pine trees were planted. Another planting and is scheduled for January 9th with John Ward mulching-irrigation set for a Saturday in March.	Ken Bonsi; Bill Brock; Malcolm MacNair; Dennis Remick and John Ward

ALL RFF MEMBERS PLEASE READ THIS:

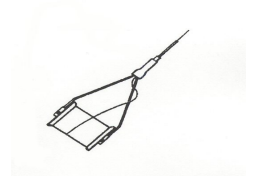
Membership Renewal Reminder

To save costs of follow-up letters and to guarantee your inclusion in, and the timely production of, the Membership Directory, please renew your membership this week by completing the membership renewal form in full found in this newsletter---checking your interests, newsletter preferences, and other information with your dues, and mail to Rogue Fly Fishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, OR 97501. Early renewal will earn you 5 extra raffle tickets in February.

If you have already renewed your membership but have not stated preferences and other interest information, please do so now and provide this information to Malcolm MacNair, Membership Chair, at 541-282-9871 or m.d.macnair@charter.net. In particular, please indicate whether you prefer to receive or not receive the newsletter electronically, saving the club money for other uses. The information you provide about yourself and your interests will be compiled for yours and the club's use. For example, these compilations will include lists of those interested in casting, fly tying, conservation, or availability for week day excursions (those retired), among other interests. The aim is wider member participation in club activities.

On The Fly

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



TYING NEWS

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their next meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:30 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tiers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

At the December meeting, we were treated to a very enjoyable evening by Dave Hamilton, teaching us to tie some very buggy looking nymphs. Dave used real skunk, but he says any good soft fur with guard hair will work. Thanks, Dave.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on Your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Red Squirrel Nymph

Hook: Daiichi 1710, 2X-long nymph, down eye.
Thread: Black, 6-0.
Weight: Lead wire.
Rib: Fine brass wire.
Tail: Red fox squirrel guard hairs.
Abdomen: Red fox squirrel body belly fur.
Thorax: Red fox squirrel darker back hair w/underfur.
Legs: Dark Hungarian Partridge or Grouse feather.



Tying Instructions

- Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the tying thread one eye width behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to just above the barb of the hook.
- Step 2: Wrap lead wire around the shank covering the front 1/3. Over wrap the lead wire with thread to secure and bring the thread back to the hook bend.
- Step 3: Select a small bunch of guard hairs off the skin, measure one shank length, and tie in as a tail. Tie down the butts along the shank.
- Step 4: Tie in the brass wire to be used as a rib later.
- Step 5: Dub the body with the lighter belly fur creating a tapered abdomen. Cover only to the 2/3 point, leaving room for the thorax.
- Step 6: Spiral wrap the wire over the abdomen in 5 equal turns. Tie off and trim.
- Step 7: Dub the thorax with the darker back fur.
- Step 8: Tie in the soft hackle feather and make 2-3 wraps forward creating the legs. Tie off and trim. Form a neat tapered head, whip finish and cement.

This pattern was created about 40 years ago by Dave Whitlock. It was actually his first nymph pattern and still remains his favorite. It is an absolutely excellent fish getter, an awesome pattern for both cold and warm water species. Tied in smaller sizes, it can imitate any light-colored mayfly nymph, caddis emerger, or even a little yellow stonefly nymph. Because the Red Squirrel Nymph resembles numerous aquatic insects without imitating any in particular, it is a true attractor fly. Tie this one in numerous variations. With a bead head, a lead weighted body, weightless in smaller sizes, with hackle or substitute rubber legs in the largest sizes. Fill a whole fly box for any time you need a good nymph. So tie some up, give them a test flight and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com)

Sent in by Otis Swisher

Public Access to the Rogue River -above Gold Ray Dam

Introduction: This is meant to point out spots of Public access. They are meant to be places which you will have to explore, not places to park next to the river where you step out of your car, begin casting and catch fish. They are used by the public. It is your responsibility to be alert for people behind you in your back cast. No "people hook-ups", please. Some are County and some are State Parks. Annual County Passes can save you \$\$\$\$. The list begins with downstream points and proceeds up to the HolyWater.

*I. Touvelle State Park.. Access road: Table Rock Road.

South side of river. Parking Lot A. Walk to river. Cross shallow channel to island and fish main River. **OR**, park in farthest upstream parking lot. Walk upstream. For exploration: At bridge abutment, cross still water and proceed upstream to find spots to fish. Bridge abutment point is accessible from Agate Road off Hwy 62. **Free key** from ODFW office on E. Gregory Road. Gate easily visible on Agate Road about MP-1.6. North side of river. From Parking Lot Downstream. Explore. From Bridge: Explore upstream.

*II. Modoc Road: access off Table Rock Road to Modoc Road. Proceed to base of Upper Table Rock and south on N. Touvelle Road. Key is required (see above) First access road to a spot upstream is just past the irrigation ditch. Left. Road ends at river. Second access is beyond irrigation ditch. Look for narrow road to gravel bar. Third access is beyond this spot and requires Lewis and Clark propensities for exploration: it goes into wilder territory .

*III. Dodge Bridge. Access off Hwy 62 at Hwy 234 and Rogue River Drive. Good spot to put in a boat, fish, and take out after fishing for an hour or two. Extra hard to gain access to East side of river; but can be done by crossing the bridge, going down the DOWNSTREAM embankment, proceeding upstream through brush.

*IV. Takelma County Park. Access off Rogue River Drive up from Dodge Bridge towards Shady Cove. Bank fish or, boat fish an hour or two and take out at same spot.

*V. Shady Cove. Access: Hwy 62. Ask at Miguel's Restaurant at the Bridge for access down their outside stairway. Unexplored fishing spot. Hwy 62 at Bridge in SC, take Old Ferry Road 1.5 miles to Flood Rock. Low water times only.

*VI. Trail Creek mouth. Hwy 62. Park in small area near/behind boulders off Hwy 62. Find trail Upstream or one going Downstream.

*VII. Below Elk Creek near old Hotel. Park on river's side of Hwy 62. Access river down stone stairway near the old stone chimney. At river, either up or down.

*VIII Rogue Elk Campground at Elk Creek, Hwy 62 at about MP-25.5. Up to end of Camp area, a path to access river near white water. Fish below. Use a wading staff.

*IX. Casey Park. MP-29 on Hwy 62

*X. Both sides of river just above the Hwy 62 "New Bridge": one parking lot (cross bridge, take first Left, then immediate Left to park); for the other parking lot (take road to Hatchery, see sign).

*XI. Hatchery Road: Parking lot for Visitor Center (right): access to two spots: Upstream (Chief Hole), Downstream Old Bridge Hole). Careful on this latter. Access can be treacherous.

*XII. Hatchery Hole

*XIII. HolyWater. Pass the diversion dam. Left to two or three parking lots.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John Graves/Medford (541-778-6000) Eric Overland/Medford (541-779-6815) Marve & Connie Dobkins/Gold Hill(541-855-3671)

ROSTER CHANGES

John Winkler, Sr. now receives mail at 221 N Central Ave PMB188/Medford OR97501



OF NOTE

by Kellie Christensen

Greetings fellow fisher people. On behalf of The Rogue Flyfishers, I would like to wish each and every one of you and your loved ones a healthy, happy and prosperous 2010.

Our new monthly feature, THE CASTING CORNER by John MacDiarmid will be back next month. John has been gone bone fishing and it's hard to keyboard with a rod in your hand and a fish on the line!

OUTINGS/MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2010

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th

Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their next meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building, near Gold Hill. For more information, email Dale Heath at deheath504@clearwire.net or call him at 541-772-2069.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd

COASTAL WINTER STEELHEAD OUTING - A JOINT OUTING WITH SOFF For those anglers looking for a mid-winter fly-fishing opportunity, the Southern Oregon Coast can be the ticket. During the month of January, the winter steelhead run is in full swing, and many of the south coast streams produce some truly large steelhead. If you would like to learn some areas and the techniques to fish winter steelhead on the coast, or would just enjoy spending a day on the river with your fellow club members, plan to attend the outing on January 23, when David Haight will lead a trip to the Chetco River.

As in our previous trips to the Chetco, we will meet for breakfast at the Smuggler's Cove Restaurant (16011 Boat Basin Road, near the Best Western Beachfront Inn) at 8 am. Those not joining us for breakfast should arrive by 9 am, at which time, we will leave for the river. After spending the day fishing, we will get together for dinner at one of the restaurants Brookings.

The Chetco River flows along numerous big, open gravel bars and has a lot of public access, so there are plenty of opportunities for bank anglers. The lower river is easy to float, and there are several good drifts for those that want to bring a boat. The Chetco is a big river during the winter and is well suited for spey rods. Because of the potential to hook a large steelhead, heavier rods are desirable--8 or 9 weights are ideal. The Chetco has a lot of good water for swinging flies. Leech, shrimp, marabou, spey, and traditional steelhead patterns in sizes 4 to 2/0 are all good choices. Dead-drifting egg, shrimp, and nymph patterns along the bottom can be effective as well. If conditions are right, a floating line can be used with weighted flies, but having sink-tip lines and/or shooting heads in various densities will help you cover the water effectively. Be sure to bring your lunch, waders, and rain gear. (Due to the uncertainty of winter weather and river flows, be sure to check the web site for updates prior to leaving for the outing. If you have questions, contact David Haight.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH

FLY TYING CLASSES begin at the Medford Library. See article in this newsletter for details. The Outings Committee is hoping to have the year's Outing finalized by the time the newsletter goes out in February. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for this year. Some of the most popular outings (including mid week) and instructional classes will be returning. We have planned some new outings as well. HOSTS are needed so if you are willing to serve remember that you don't have to be an expert. All that is required is basic knowledge of the fishing location (access, directions etc.) and the ability to engage in conversation. Club members and the fly shops are willing to help by sharing information. Please consider being a host. We need you!

Remember, when you participate in an RFF outing, you not only enjoy yourself and get to know your club members, but you also have the opportunity to learn while doing so! Newcomers to the sport, don't stay home because you feel intimidated. We ALL started out EXACTLY where you are now, and we are all willing to help you get comfortable and accomplished at this beautiful sport. Join us!

If you haven't volunteered to be an active part of your club, there are a lot of opportunities to do so. Email Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com. We will be calling on you for help this year.

**FLY TYER'S DEN
School of Fly Tying
2010 Class Schedule**

Saturdays 9am - 4pm.....only \$50.00

February 13th, 2010-----Mayflies- Top to Bottom

February 27th, 2010:-----Caddis- Top to Bottom

March 6th, 2010:-----Stone Flies- Top to Bottom

March 20th, 2010:-----Soft Hackles

Classes are limited to 12 students/Call now to reserve your seat!

Contact Dan Kellogg @ 210-0949 or Dave Roberts @ 601-5658

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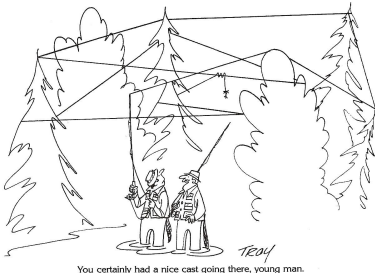
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You certainly had a nice cast going there, young man.



Jerry Haynes Smith River Salmon



RFF is sponsoring the 2010 fly tying classes to begin on Thursday, January 28th, 6-9 pm at the downtown Medford library in the large meeting room. Classes will run for 6 consecutive Thursday nights at the same location. There is no charge for these classes but you are required to bring your own tools. There will be 3 groups each having a separate teacher: Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced. Your experience or lack of, will determine the level you should be at. Classes are limited to 12 students each and there are a few spots open at each level. Contact Dan Kellogg, 210-0949 for sign up or if you have questions about class placement. All materials are provided. Whether you want to pursue the art of tying or just want to tie your own fishing flies, this is a golden opportunity to advance your skills. Call Today!

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Applying, or renewing, as (check one): Individual ☐ (\$30.00), Family ☐ (\$35.00), 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 _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ Number _____ - _____ : (2nd best) 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 ☐ Are you interested in, or want help in (check all as appropriate): Casting ☐ Fly tying ☐ Fishing Techniques ☐ Water Knowledge ☐ Conservation Activities ☐ Fishing Partner ☐ Organizing Social Activity and Group Outings ☐ Do you have a drift boat? Yes ☐ No ☐ lake boat? Yes ☐ No ☐ other interests?

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