



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

Skip Morris

"Fishing the Depths of a Trout Lake"

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As in streams, trout in lakes do most of their feeding well down. This slide show explores fishing with sinking lines and with floating lines and weighted flies on very long leaders. In this show you will learn how to determine if trout in a lake are feeding deep, what they are feeding on, and how to turn this knowledge into good fishing. Of course, depth is relative--in the case of lake trout , it ranges from only a half dozen feet down to thirty.

Committee Heads

President's Message

In this first message of the 2013 season, I want to wish all of you reading a very special and happy fishing year. Whether you are actually out on the waters or remembering times of your past, there must be some thoughts of your -1st-. It might be a first steelhead, first fly tied, first time you had remove your fly from the tree behind you, or a first time filling your waders with river water, or your first day in office as RFF club president. Thoughts of how can I improve myself are swarming through my mind, am I really capable of new and different tasks. How does one fill the legacy of so many others that have led this great organization? Can I really make a difference? I know I can't do it all myself and by the grace of God and the support of all of you, I will give it all I have.

My loving wife, Pam, is a great supporter. She said she knew this day would come. She knows I am not a follower, but rather a mover. My goals are simple for this next two years, I am committed to see the club grow; build upon the foundation that has been ongoing since 1971, and to continue my goal of fishing as many new waters in Oregon as possible. Being a transplant from Illinois in 2004, Oregon has been a great find. Fly fishing has opened up a whole new venue to me. It has broadened a deep passion of our great outdoors; I love the new opportunities the NW has to offer.

I want to stress that the success of our club revolves around all its members, not simply a handful of overachievers. I would like everyone to participate in just one category that the club offers. You might find that the Conservation Committee is something very worthwhile to hang your hat on or help out is setting up our club outings. Maybe you would donate a couple hours assisting in our auction, help sell raffle tickets at our dinner meetings, come out to our riparian plantings, and volunteer to do anything for the clubs success. We have over 150 members; it seems strange to see the same 15-20 members do all the work.

Recently I walked the Hyde Bar monitoring project with our Conservation Chair, John Ward. What an eye opener. It is really quite a project on the Applegate River. Our club with help monitor the conditions of this area as a 10 yr project. I want to encourage everyone to take interest in our Conservation areas. We have helped make a difference in our beautiful valley and we need for that to continue. I also hiked along the Little Butte Meandering project we helped ODFW with and I can tell you it was amazing to see salmon and steelhead fingerlings using this area to grow up in. Our pride in what we have done really shows. We now have to keep these projects running true to our Mission Statement.

My New Year's resolution this year is to encourage all the members to step up and step out of your comfort zone, get off the couch, Go Fish and Assist our club in all of our Conservation Efforts. Challenge yourself; it keeps the mind sharp-just like a good hook sharpener only works if you use it.

So I pray that you all will be safe and healthy in this new year of 2013. Now GO FISH.

So Many Fish - So Little Time January

December was a tough month for anglers on the upper Rogue. Substantial rains raised the run-off to high levels, and the river ran over 5,000 c.f.s. for much of the month. As a consequence the Corps of Engineers held water back in Lost Creek Lake in an effort to minimize problems of flooding downstream. With slackening precipitation and colder temperatures the run-off abated late in the month, whereupon releases from Lost Creek Lake increased in the hope of bringing the lake down to flood control level. All of that seems to have returned to normal at this writing, and anglers can be more hopeful as the release from Lost Creek Lake is now under 3,000 c.f.s. The river is fishable at this flow, although still too high for most anglers' preferences. Fishable or not, one angler braved the unpleasant conditions and landed a nice steelhead in the 10-plus pound class on her spey rod at Casey Park. One might question her judgment being out on a snowy day like that, but one fish like that can make the sun shine regardless of conditions. A good run of winter fish should begin in January. Also, good hatches with concomitant trout action on dry flies and soft hackle emergers can be expected in January through early spring.

Meanwhile, this is a good time to service your gear. Reels should be disassembled, cleaned, and lubricated. Lines, especially floating lines, should be rinsed and wiped with a soft cloth. It is recommended that lines NOT be greased with some kind of greasy floatant, which tends to pick up grit and dirt making a grinding paste that, in turn, grinds grooves in metal guides. This creates sharp edges that wear and shorten the life of the line. Check your leader material. Some anglers regularly discard last year's nylon and begin every season with new fresh stuff. Male ferrules on rods should be waxed with paraffin (not furniture wax) at least once a year. And finally, sort through your flies, organize them again, discard those that are never used, and restock your favorite patterns. Hey, and don't forget to purchase a new angling license and Day Use Permit for the boat ramps! Tight lines!

Future Programs

We have some great speakers committed for 2012 and we are working on others you will enjoy. The Grants Pass Club, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, and us are lashing up to entice the heavy weights to come in for two programs, back to back. Sometimes we are able to include the Klamath Country Fly Casters and get some one in that speaks to all three clubs as we did last September with Lee Davison. We all meet back to back. Noted tier and writer **Skip Morris** will be our program in **January** and **February** we have **Dave Hughes** committed though we have not decided on the specific program. **March** is our fly tying meeting and **April** we should have **James Shaughnessy** a local guide that has been guiding in Baja for many years. His program will be on his Baja experience. James is also the owner of Beulah Rods. In **May** the three clubs are bringing in **Phil Rowley** of Rowley and Chain. Phil is coming from British Columbia so the only way we can get him here is for all three clubs to share the travel expenses. Also, he is scheduled to give a clinic at Hyde Lake. We have been working on this one for over a year. At this time the only other program identified is **October** when **Brian O'Keefe** will return for one of his always informative and entertaining programs. We worked hard at getting the noted author/spey caster/angler, **Simon Gawesworth** next fall but he was just unable to do it because of standing and family commitments. However, he did not turn us down completely and we are still trying to match him with an open date sometime in the future. Simon has two spey casting books and a DVD, plus he works for Rio Lines in Idaho Falls and at one time was the captain of the UK fly fishing team. We are also exchanging emails with **April Vokey** the noted Steelhead British Columbia guide/author for a possible program next **December**. She was in Oregon last December and we may be able to get her to extend her trip next December and give us a program. **John Shuey** is on our short list as is a return of **Jason Borger** and others. Have an area or Speaker you are interested in? Your program committee, John MacDiarmid, Mike Masters and Will Johnson, gladly accepts suggestions.



Hyde Bar Mine Reclamation

This photo was taken looking east along Channel E at the Hyde Bar Mine Reclamation site, on Dec. 13, 2012 and shows the major portion of a half-acre pond backed up in the lower portion of Channel E due to no excavation of the outlet channel to the Applegate River. The design called for a 0.5 % slope along the centerline of Channel E to a shared low outlet point slightly to the left edge of the photo.

Fly Tying Classes

Where: Medford Main Library

When: Starting January 10, 2012 6:00 – 9:00pm

For 6 consecutive Thursdays

Beginner: Introduction to Fly Tying.

Intermediate: Tying with a purpose.

Advanced: The Art of Fly Tying.



When the classes are full we will have a standby list. The classes are offered gratis so they fill very quickly. For more information contact Tom Collett at 541-244 8030 or thomascollett@yahoo.com

Learned Something Today

By Otis D. Swisher

I learned something today while at one of my favorite bank fishing spots on the upper river. It was cold! I mean icicle-for-fingers cold! Mid thirties. Rime covered the grasses and tree branchlets, ice covered the farm ponds, and the rocks along the river bank shone like the flocking one puts on a Christmas tree.

Still, in a half hour, I raised two nice Cutthroat with my #16 O's Blue Dun, the fly with dun-colored fibberts for the tail which I always cut long (nearly an inch on a #16 appears to be disproportional to the small-size body; but, when I watch the small dun colored Mayflies careen past me I am always impressed with the shine of their tails in the sunlight.)

Then, I was joined by a friend who fishes this same spot regularly; and, it was from him I learned my lesson(s) for the day.

"Mind if I fish through?" he asked. "Go to it. Show me how", I said. And show me how he did. In less than 10 minutes he landed 5 nice Cutthroat; the first was a good 13-incher. And all were larger than the two fish I had landed earlier.

So what did I learn? I had been fishing mid-river. That slot had three hardware fishers pounding the area off and on. As is typical they had retrieved their spoons very speedily through the area closer to shore over and over again, without success

My friend, however fished that water closer to our bank in what I would class as "frog water"...little or no current. This was the same water un-fished at the extreme speed on the retrieve by the hardware guys hurrying to reel in for another cast.

His technique? It seemed to me that he was hardly moving the fly on the "strip". If I were to liken it to any movement, it would be "less than half an inch". I mean, you'd think the fish would be down there saying "hurry it up, I'm getting tired of waiting". But, no, it was just what they wanted.

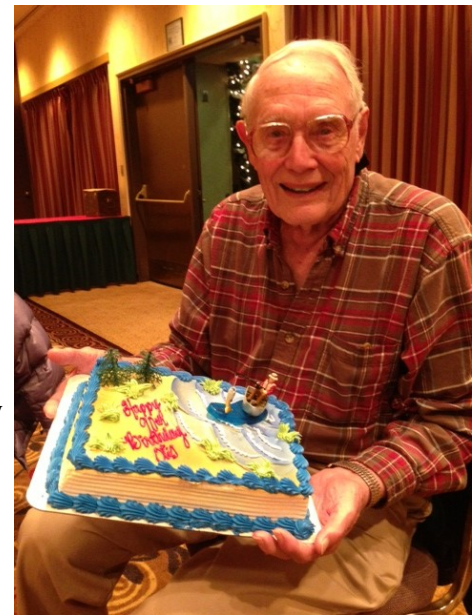
And, as for the "take downs" they were practically imperceptible. No ring. No splash. Just the slight movement of the line separated the "was that a fish take"? from "That Was a Fish Take".

But the gentle rises gave way to vigorous top-water activity so typical of a Cutthroat compared with a Rainbow. I feel the Cutts fight the more aggressively.

So, what did I learn? Forget your habitual way of fishing your favorite spots. Step back. Watch some one new. Critique his technique. And, as importantly, find out what fly he is using. A slight change in pattern may make a difference.

PS My friend had a 29 fish day a few days earlier. All were Cutthroat. All on a personally modified Orvis Blue-winged Olive. I'm glad he let me watch so I could learn from him.

12 December, 2011



Otis swisher celebrated his 90th birthday with the club at the December meeting. We wish him many more.

2012 Steelhead Tournament photos



On The Fly

January 2013

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

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Flavs or Lesser Western Green Drake

Hook - Daiichi #1190 or equivalent, size 12-14
Thread - White 12/0 or silk, finish fly with brown thread
Wings - Dark dun (grey) hen tips
Tail - Dyed olive grizzly spade fibers
Body - Dark olive turkey biot
Rib - Bright yellow 6/0 thread
Hackle - Olive dyed grizzly



Folks, Dan is going to be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. The fly I picked for this month is the Western Green Drake and some, me included, know it as Flav's. There are 4 flies in the genus *Drunella*. The good news is all you have to do is pick a good pattern and use it for all 4, just change size. This is going to be a dry pattern, I've used this fly in spring creeks in Montana, here on the Rogue, Idaho and in Northern Calif. I will be tying it at the next meeting and it will be the first fly we tie in the upcoming tying class

Helpful Hints:

About the white thread, as a lot of you know, I'm old school. White will not darken most fly tying materials when wet. This dates back to the 1600's or more. When my grandfather was teaching me, we would tie off the head then use black head cement. Hence, I'm using brown on the head and all I do is use a brown marker and color about 4" of thread to finish.

David E. Roberts

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Fly Fishing Shop weekly newsletter - sometimes it's pretty good, has a good data base you can search

<http://www.flyfishusa.com/newsletter/>

Midge Man's blog - great midge information

<http://poudrecanyonchronicles.blogspot.com/>

Coastal Winter Steelhead Outing

Now that the holidays are over, its time to get back out on the water and do some fly fishing. During the month of January, one of the best places to do that is the Oregon Coast, where bright steelhead fresh from the ocean can be intercepted as they make there way up many of the rivers and streams. On January 19, David Haight will lead an outing to the Southern Oregon Coast where experienced club members can test their skills at tempting winter steelhead with a fly and those with less experience can get help with improving their skills.

Those interested in attending should meet for breakfast at 8:00 am in the Apple Peddler Restaurant in the town of Harbor. It is located on the west side of Hwy 101 south of the Chetco River. Those not wanting to eat there should be there by 9:00 am, when the group will head for the water.

There are many good winter steelhead streams on the south coast, ranging from small creeks where fly anglers can effectively work the pockets and small pools by dead-drifting weighted flies with a single-handed rod to large rivers well suited to swinging big flies through broad runs with a two-handed rod. We will decide which stream (or streams) to fish based on the conditions, and on the size and desires of our group. The Chetco and lower Rogue River offer plenty of good bank access, and there are several good drifts for boaters. These are big rivers during the winter and are well suited for Spey rods. The smaller streams have more limited access, but provide opportunities for individuals or small groups looking for a more intimate setting. Because these coastal streams can produces some large steelhead, heavier rods are desirable--8 or 9 weights are ideal. Leech, shrimp, marabou, Spey, intruder, and traditional steelhead patterns in sizes 4 to 2/0 are all good choices for swinging, while egg, shrimp, and nymph patterns are suitable for dead-drifting. 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 more effectively. Be sure to bring your lunch, waders, and rain gear.

Due to the uncertainty of winter conditions it may be necessary to make changes or postpone this outing. Be sure to check the club's web site for updates prior to leaving for the coast. If you have questions, contact David at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net.

Important Note

**It's time to RENEW your membership!
Please take care of this NOW!**

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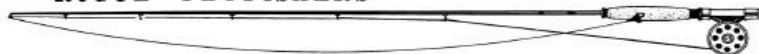
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DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
<p>Various dates in December 2012</p>	<p>John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com</p>	<p><i>Activities Performed by Conservation Chairman:</i></p> <p>1) Participated in Coalition Phone Conference and meeting to develop legislation to Reform Suction Dredger Regulation on specific critical spawning streams, both private and public lands. RFF is working with a broad coalition of Oregon conservation and fishing groups including WaterWatch, Rogue Riverkeeper, Oregon Trout, Oregon Wild, Klamath Siskiyou Wild, and Western Environmental Law Center. RFF is soliciting funds from other fly fishing organizations.</p> <p>2) Conducted First Year of Ten Year Monitoring at Hyde Bar Photo Monitoring Sites established Dec. 9, 2011. Design is a five channel low gradient gravel mine excavation that self-drains into a common outlet to the Applegate River. Plan is expected to minimize scouring and fish entrapment while maintaining trees and other vegetation that reduce erosion, and provide off-channel habitat for juvenile fish during flood events.</p> <p>Marker stakes were found at 2011 photo monitoring points and re-used for Dec. 13, 2012 photos. Planned outlet channel through riparian zone had not been excavated creating a half-acre pond in the lower portion of Channel E about 18-inches deep. Blockage also prevents use of outlet channel as refuge during flood events. Casual inspection of pond did not reveal juvenile or adult fish use, nor fish stranding. Tracks showed wildlife use by deer, raccoons, and possibly coyotes.</p> <p>Does not appear Restoration Plan to mulch and reseed scalped areas with ODOT approved native grasses or 1.5 inch willow stakes had been attempted, and many very invasive <i>Ailanthus Glandulosa</i> (tree-of-heaven) stems remain uncontrolled in vegetation along Channels C, D and E. There was abundant <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L. (yellow star thistle) in all areas where gravel has been scalped. No stockpiles of topsoil or use of erosion control fabric were noted, and the upper portion of Channel E may need grading to remove depressions that could strand fish.</p> <p>Follow-up is planned with appropriate agencies on uncompleted restoration, and with near-neighbor landowners to gain access permission and any background information.</p> <p>3) RFF has been asked for a letter of support for the Oak Street Water Conservation Project (OSWCP). In late September 2012 RFF Board voted to sign a Declaration of Cooperation for the Oregon Solutions WISE Project (Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy) for Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek Watersheds. OSWCP is WISE's first Demonstration Project, a pilot to show WISE's "conserved water" can be used to improve fish passage and habitat.</p> <p>Talent Irrigation District has for years diverted water from their Ashland Lateral into Ashland Creek above Lithia Park to maintain steady summer flows during the tourist season. TID recovered an equal flow of water by a diversion dam much lower in the system and piped the water to Bear Creek. OSWC Project would remove this diversion dam to improve fish passage, and offset the unrecovered water loss by piping 4,900 feet of Talent Lateral to stop equivalent canal leakage. This diversion dam is the most critical fish barrier in the Bear Creek watershed.</p> <p>4) Attended two Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions following defeat of Municipal Water System for Shady Cove in November election. On Dec. 6 Shady Cove City Council voted to approve Findings of Fact, and reversed their denial of residential zoning and Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Flywater LLC on LUBA Remand. Findings were mailed to RFF and other Interveners on Dec.13 which opens a 21-day period for appeals to be filed with LUBA. RFF has standing to appeal but declined appeal on this matter.</p>	<p>John Ward</p>

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