



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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## PROGRAM

### Marlon Rampy



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## Thanks Members, for Stepping Up and Into 2018

At RFF's Christmas Dinner December 20, 2017 the "Ask" was straight:

Will you commit to help introduce youngsters to some fly fishing in 2018?

Member response was a terrific: YES, we will ! New and recent members joined long-time members volunteering to coach young boys and girls activities basic to successful fly fishing at least once in 2018.

- Tying usable flies
- Casting flies
- Collecting and identifying aquatic insects
- Making & Glazing ceramic fish to match local game fish

Almost half of the dinner guests said "YES". Nearly two dozen, between the sign-up sheet and the photo.



Volunteers included **Bill Childress, Bruce Barrow, Dennis Dedrick, Don Dabney, Don Turcke, Elliott Stone, Harry Foster, Jon Iverson, John MacDiarmid, John Schwendener, Julie MacDiarmid, John Ward, Ken Bonsi, Kirk Kowalke, Richard Fiebelkorn, Scott Ashpole, Stephanie Dabney, and others.**

Events where RFF Volunteers will participate in 2018 include the **Rogue River-World Fish Migration Day Festival and 5K Migratory Run on Saturday, April 7** at North Middle School Grounds and adjacent Gilbert Creek in Grants Pass, the **Kids & Creeks Event** at Bear Creek Park in Medford **on Saturday, Sept 15 or 22** depending on timing of salmon migration organized by a durable group of organizations and agencies including Rogue River Watershed Council, and the **North Mountain Park Salmon Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6** organized by Ashland Parks and Recreation. Scheduling of the **See the Salmon** event at Valley of the Rogue State Park, and **Bear Creek Symposium** are not yet firm

**Thank You. Thank You All.**



# Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is **Wednesday January 17, 2018** at

Centennial Golf Club  
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.  
Medford, 97504

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

**BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person**

**Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Green Salad, Rolls**

## **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto: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 Theresa at [tms1910@icloud.com](mailto:tms1910@icloud.com) or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

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### **Chili Feed Winner**

Tanya Haight presents the coveted Chili Feed Trophy to the new champion Suzanne Rotz. This was the result of a fierce competition from eight competitors, an unofficial count, there could have been more. It was good weather, cold yes, but December in Oregon, what do you expect. Among the hopeful were Dave Roberts and Harry Foster but once again their verbal entreaties didn't bear up in the vote. Fear not, plans are already underway for next year. Sunshine brought forth the waders but the fish were less enthusiastic. Overall a very well attended fun day.



## CfR: “Thank You Rogue Flyfishers”

Casting for Recovery is a national program that provides weekend retreats for women that are battling or have survived breast cancer, where they receive emotional support and counseling, and learn the physically and mentally therapeutic art of fly fishing. The Rogue Flyfishers has been a long term supporter of CfR, and recently donated \$500 to the Southern Oregon Retreat. In addition, individual members bought items and made contributions in support of CfR. The Casting for Recovery volunteers thank the Rogue Flyfishers for their continued support and this generous contribution.



## **AUCTION TIME 2018 – May 16, 2018 at CENTENNIAL GOLF CLUB - MEDFORD**

As y'all know, the funds we raise from our auction provides the funding for our numerous conservation projects, education and teaching seminars and Biology Scholarships.

If you can support this event in any way, we all benefit as well as our Rogue region.

Remember, last year's auction was a huge success. Be part of this year's success.

**We are asking for more volunteers to help us select and get items for our Auction on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider stepping up and helping our Procurement Team, led by Don Dabney.**

**The first Auction planning meeting will be Jan. 18th**

You may start planning a possible donation of your own, we have already received 4 very special Fly Rods (one is Otis Swisher's very own 3 wt; which he landed a 28' Steelie). We would also like to increase our Ladies Table of items. Perhaps you might consider donating your Time Share for a couple of days, providing a Drift Trip, baking a pie, cake, or even a special meal. How about a Rocking Fish for your Grandchild? Yes there will be another.

Please think about your own reservations now and consider asking another 2-4 friends or acquaintances. My neighbors have already asked for 6 seats. So invite yours as well.

It will be an enjoyable evening.

Email either Mike Masters at [mmasters2243@charter.net](mailto:mmasters2243@charter.net) or call 541-261-2243 or

Don Dabney at [drdabney49@gmail.com](mailto:drdabney49@gmail.com) or call 541-855-9394

Thank you for your total Support in helping us stay an integral part of the Rogue Valley

Mike Masters – Auction Chairman

# “Rollin’ Down the River” Dinner & Auction

Sponsored by: Rogue Flyfishers Club



**When: Wednesday May 16, 2018 (reg. Dinner Night)**

**Doors open at 4:30 pm**

**Where: Centennial Golf Club**

**\$25 entry fee includes Buffet Dinner catered by**

**ROSARIO’S RESTAURANT**

**Dinner will begin @ 6:10pm**

(Dinner includes Rosario’s famous lasagna, baked salmon, green & Caesar salads, vegetables)

**Silent Auction** runs from 4:30-5:45 pm

**Bucket Raffle** begins at 4:30 & closes promptly at 6:00 pm

**Steelhead Paddle Raffle** begins at 7:00 pm

**Live Auction** will begin at 7:10 pm, concluding by 8:45 pm

**Prizes offered:** drift trips, still water trips, custom rods, reels, fly tying tools & materials, Golf packages, wine baskets, cameras, fishing accessories, custom hand tied flies by some of our valley’s top fly tiers, hotel accommodations and much more.

**Reserve and purchase tickets:** email [mmasters2243@charter.net](mailto:mmasters2243@charter.net)

For further information email Mike Masters  
at the email address above  
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## LNG Pipeline

As most of you know the LNG pipeline has once again become a local issue that will affect many of our friends and neighbors. This proposed pipeline if it is approved, will intersect the Rogue River and highway 62 at Trail, Oregon. We all have been through there many times on highway 62 and on the river. As one might expect there are many local citizens and property owners who object to this pipeline being forced upon us. I use the word forced because this foreign multi-national energy company will be allowed to use eminent domain to shove this down our throats.

I have contacted a number of people about this issue and have had some very good response. Many have committed to sending letters and we can make this easy for you. Myself along with others will share the contents of the letters we are writing. These can be example or sample letters that you can use to compose your own letters. We can also provide addresses of where to send these letters. Given the current political climate regarding natural resources, we need to hit this with a strong voice and not stop until this a very dead issue.

One of our number has been negatively impacted by this proposed pipeline. The very minute this pipeline scheme was announced, their property value went down many thousands of dollars. This was about 2008. They have lived with this possibility ever since. The real insult is that there is no possibility of any sort of compensation because the actual pipeline will be on the property of their neighbors. The story gets worse because the neighbors property is the staging yard and the drill site for drilling under the Rogue. Later it will be the service yard and pumping station. Imagine having that mess for a neighbor.

We have had some victories but we need a lot more. U. S. Senator Merkley has changed his position and is now opposed to the pipeline. Oregon State Geologist, Brad Avy has reported some of the aspects of the project analysis inaccurate and misleading. The article in the December 12, 2017 issue of the Mail Tribune is worth reading.

Going forward the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers have agreed to be a part of this by using their blog as a place to find information to expedite the letter writing. Their blog is <http://soflytyers.blogspot.com>. Bookmark it for your convenience. When the holidays are over more information will begin to appear under the tab "LNG Pipeline". Just click on the tab. Keep checking back because new and updated information will be forthcoming.

We can talk about this important issue at the Holy Water on January first.  
Tom Collett

## Hello Everyone

The schedule for the hwy. 62 trash clean-up is as follows:

Please note that all of the days fall on a Friday and the times have changed to make things a little easier when the weather/temps are disagreeable.

January 26th at 10:00 am

April 20th at 9:00 am

July 27th at 7:00 am

October 19th at 9:00 am

We are seeing significant amounts of trash along this stretch of highway and our 2 hour work sessions make a huge difference. You'll get some exercise, have a little fun and be a part of improving this portion of the highway. And besides, our group name is on it! So, if you're available, please come out and join us!

As before, we will meet at McDonalds on hwy. 62, just s/e of Antelope Rd. Over coffee, we go over ODOT's rules, hand out the equipment and assign where you'll be working.

I will have copies of this schedule at the January meeting for anyone who is interested.

Thanks a lot and Happy New Year to you all.  
Greg Hart



# January Outing--Winter Steelhead on the Southern Oregon Coast

January is typically one of the slower times for fly fishers in the Rogue Valley. Many people pass the time by tying flies, but for those that want to fish, the streams along the Southern Oregon Coast can offer great fishing for large winter steelhead fresh from the ocean. Opportunities range from swinging flies through long runs on large rivers like the Rogue or Chetco to dropping nymphs into pockets on small streams like Hunter Creek or the Pistol River.

For our outing on January 13 and 14, the Rogue Flyfishers will make a trip to the coast. We will meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM on Saturday in the Indian Creek Café, which is located a short distance upstream of Hwy 101 on the south side of the Rogue River at 94682 Jerry's Flat Road. If you don't want to eat breakfast, join us there by 9:00 AM. We will decide where to go from there based on river conditions and the desires of the group.

If conditions are right, the lower Rogue offers plenty of good opportunities for bank anglers. It is a big river with large gravel bars, many of which are publicly owned and easy to access, and long runs well suited to swinging flies. Seven to eight-weight Spey or switch rods paired with Skagit heads and an assortment of tips would be ideal. If you don't have a Spey or switch rod, don't worry, the steelhead usually travel close to shore, so single-handed rods, of similar weight, with sink-tip lines or sinking shooting heads also will work. Bring 10 to 15-lb tippet material and an assortment of flies--from traditional steelhead patterns, to egg-sucking leeches, to intruders. Black or purple flies with a bit of bright color mixed in often work well.

For those interested in fishing the smaller streams, there are several good choices near Gold Beach. For these streams, bring an eight-weight single-handed or switch rod with a floating line and an assortment of weighted nymphs and egg patterns. Be sure to bring your waders, a wading staff, rain gear, and normal fishing accessories.

Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining options, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds along the river. You can find more information at [www.goldbeach.org](http://www.goldbeach.org). Due to the uncertainty of river conditions during the winter, be sure to check the club's website before you leave for the outing to see if we had to make any last-minute changes.

## David Haight, Outings Chair



## *A Temporary Refuse Pool By Lee Spencer*

John MacDiarmid

Of all the books of interest to fly fishers, this one stands out...way out. It is fresh, it is original, it is different. Lee Spencer has a commitment to understanding and perpetuating steelhead far beyond that of a ichthyologist or an obsessed chrome chaser. He has discovered things never known before about our fish by quietly sitting by the Refuge Pool eight months out of the year for 18 years...protecting...observing and recording. The Pool, with up to 700 adult steelhead, is located on Steamboat Creek a tributary of the North Fork of the Umpqua R. He is paid a small salary by the North Fork Foundation to protect the fish from those who would harm them. At the time the Foundation and Lee Spencer took on this responsibility, the Pool was known as the Dynamite Hole. The byproduct of this effort is this wonderful book. The book and Lee Spencer on the Umpqua are presented in the following video by the L.A. Times.

**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**

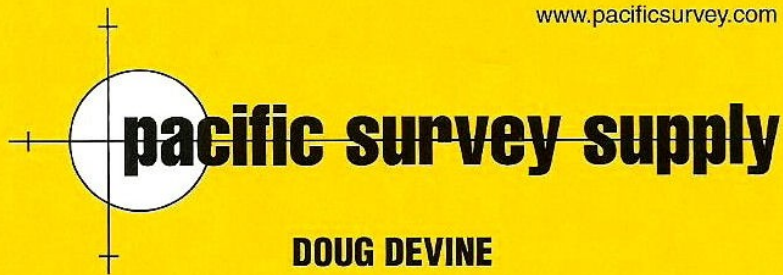


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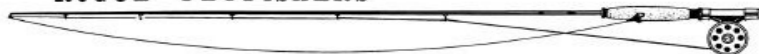
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**Dues accompany your application.** With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social 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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