

Rogue Flyfishers

JANUARY 2025

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

This Month's Program is
Fishing the Owyhee River

Our Presenter will be
Mike Masters



In partnership with
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Presidents Message

January 2025

I hope that you all had a great holiday and are ready for the New Year. It's that time to reflect on what we accomplished in 2024, and then what we are going to accomplish in the year ahead. We had a great auction in 2024 and made some headway on the jetboat issue. We also had some great outings and good times. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so soon. If you renew before the next dinner meeting, you'll be entered into the raffle for a new rod. One thing is certain in the fly fishing world and that's you can never have too many rods.

Our new conservation chair, Rick Graw, is putting together a conservation committee to do conservation oriented projects. I hope you will help support the club and Rick in these conservation projects. I will be participating in these projects alongside Rick as well. One of these projects will be the Holy Water cleanup that we've done in the past. If you have any other project ideas please let me or Rick know.

The marine board has revised its proposed rule on jetboats on the upper Rogue, and will have a virtual meeting on 1/15/2025, and public comments will be accepted until 1/21/2025. I know this seems like a never ending process, but we've come this far, and we can't stop now. Participation has been picking up at these meetings which shows that we aren't going away. Rick Graw even gave an interview to channel 12 news before the last hearing. I'll post more information as it becomes available.

I hope to see you all at the January dinner meeting. Take care and Happy New Year! Let's make 2025 a great year in the Rogue River Valley.

John Pogue

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 1/15, 2/19, 3/19
Board Meeting 1/1, 2/5, 3/19
SOFT meeting 1/14, 2/11, 3/11

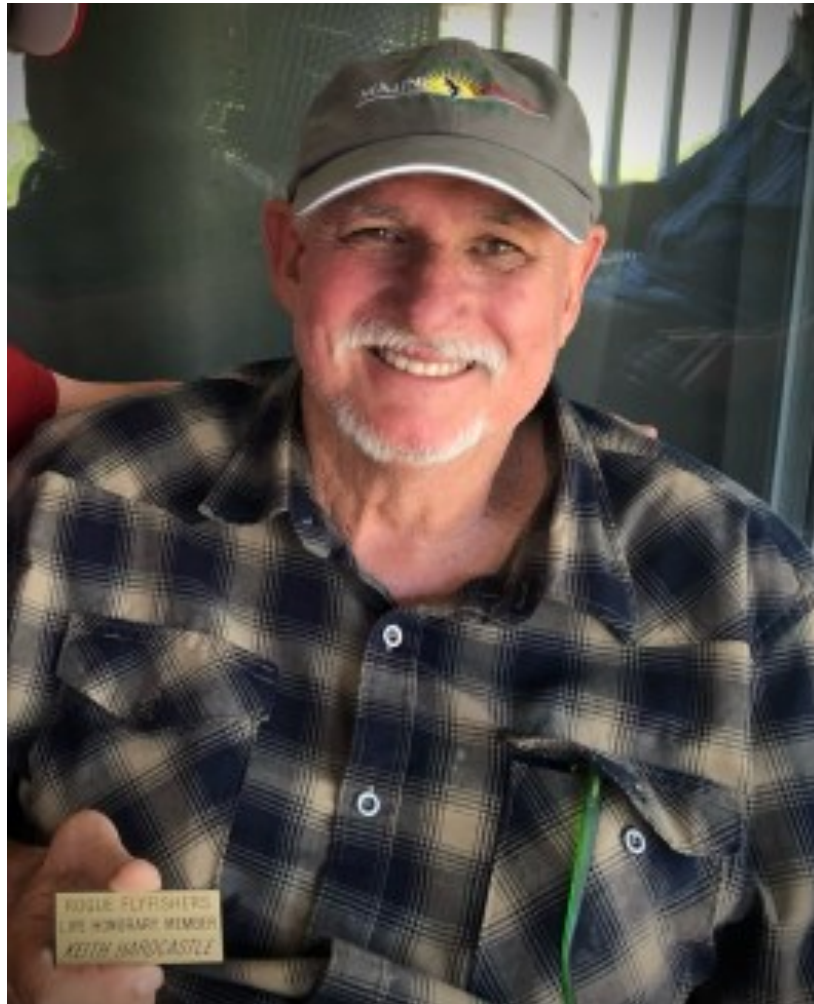
Events:
Holy Water Chili Feed 1/1/2025

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Fellow Rogue Fly Fishers,

On December 4, 2024 Norman "Keith" Hardcastle lost his six year battle with ALS. Keith and his wife Kim were longtime members of our club. Keith served as vice president and 'Outstanding Member of the Year' in 2021. He also served several years as a board member. Keith grew up in Upland, California and worked to become a general contractor. Then moved to Bishop, California to join the Inyo County sheriff's department where he eventually became the under-sheriff and retired after 30 years. In 2014 they moved to Shady Cove.

Keith and Kim have two sons, Brent and Sean, four grandchildren Marley, Keith, Aiden and Ella.



Financial Report – Tim Bolling

The Rogue Flyfishers, Inc is an Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International. This entitles us to a number of benefits such as an Industry Partner Program, a Learning Center, and an equipment loan program. The most important benefit we get is an opportunity to participate in a Group Insurance Program. To obtain these benefits, we pay a yearly fee to Fly Fishers International in addition to the premium for the insurance. That fee is based on a flat fee plus an additional fee for members of the Rogue Flyfishers who are not a current member of FFI. We could lower our cost considerably of being an Affiliate Club if more of our members were also FFI members. Being a member of FFI gives you benefits such as access to the Learning Center, various Publications, discounts from Industry Partners, plus travel, insurance, and other discounts. Please consider becoming a member of Fly Fishers International and you'll be helping to reduce our expenses in addition to receiving FFI Member benefits.

Coastal Winter Steelhead Outing, January 17 - 18

Now that we have reached the beginning of a new year, my thoughts are turning to fishing for winter steelhead. Some of my favorite places to fish during the winter are streams along the Southern-Oregon Coast. Streams there range from small creeks to large rivers, and offer steelhead anglers options from drifting flies through small pockets to swinging flies through broad runs. The fishing can be great—when the conditions are right. As I write this, heavy rain has made the streams high and turbid. My hope is that they will drop and clear soon, and that a good number of fresh winter steelhead will enter.

In anticipation of this, I am planning to host a joint outing for the Rogue Flyfishers and the Southern Oregon Flyfishers on January 17 and 18. The outing will be based out of Brookings, which has a good variety of motels, RV parks, campgrounds, and restaurants. The specific streams we fish will depend on the conditions at the time. Participants should bring equipment for both and dead-drifting flies. For swinging, a seven or eight-weight Spey rod with a Skagit head and a variety of sink tips would be ideal, but a single-handed eight-weight rod will work. The single-handed rod will be ideal for fishing the smaller streams. Bring a variety of intruder-style flies, from bright to black to somber, for swinging, as well as egg patterns, large nymphs, and egg-sucking leeches for dead-drifting. The winter steelhead on the coastal streams can be large, so 10 to 15-pound leader would be appropriate. Be sure to bring waders, a wading staff, raingear, and warm clothing. You will need to have a Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation in addition to your 2025 Angling License and Combined Angling Tag. We will focus on areas that offer good opportunities for fishing from the bank; however, the lower Rogue and Chetco Rivers do offer good opportunities for those that want to bring their driftboats or rafts.

Due to the uncertainty of the weather and stream flows, this outing is subject to change. Anyone interested in attending should email me at tmdrhight@infostructure.net by January 14 to sign up. Just prior to the outing, I will determine if conditions are suitable to have the outing or if we need to postpone, and I will inform the people who signed up of the plan.

David Haight



Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

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

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Lasagna (Meat or Veggie), Dinner Salad, Roasted Snap Peas, Garlic Bread, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Saturday (January 11th) 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 Tuesday preceding the meeting

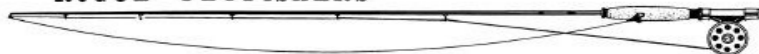
PROGRAM:

Mike Masters

Fishing the Owyhee.

Michael Masters has been fishing the Owyhee for years and Micheal will be giving a presentation on fishing the Owyhee! You won't want to miss out on this presentation especially if you ever wanted to fish the Owyhee! Learning about fishing is valuable experience

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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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