ROGUE FLYFISHERS

P.O. BOX 4637, MEDFORD, OREGON 97501

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.



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PICNIC, PICNIC, PICNIC It's Time For the Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic



Wednesday, July 20, 2011 Where: Emmigrant Lake, Picnic Area "A" When: Arrive at 5 to 6 or anytime after that! Cost: \$ 4.00 per car "entrance to park fee" and \$6 per person for dinner.

This is a "potluck" event with the main course provided to all who attend. We look forward to this meeting every year! The food is delicious, the camaraderie is casual and fun and there is always casting on the water for those that are in the mood to teach or practice! Come enjoy visiting with your fellow fly fishers on a beautiful summer evening by the lake..

President's Message—July 2011

History is filled with the lives and accomplishments of visionaries. Without their imagination, wisdom, creativity and work ethic, we would be living in a very different world—one that is not protected and filled with every modern convenience. Sadly, we are learning that every convenience of modern living comes with a price tag and sooner or later we must pay.

Visionaries come in all shapes and sizes and while some effect change throughout the globe, others impact only those within the boundaries of their daily life.

Forty years ago, a small group of visionaries formed the Rogue Flyfishers. A few of them remain club members all these years later. I wonder how many current members of our "club" really understand what purpose we serve and the significance of their vision back in 1971?

Since our club is celebrating its 40th year with a "birthday" party (and wonderful presentation of it's history!) at the August dinner meeting. I thought I would take a moment to offer some honest perspective on what our club is all about.

We, the Rogue Flyfishers, are a non profit conservation club whose members share a love of fly fishing. We are not a "fishing club" although we all share a love of fly fishing. We are not a "social club" although we are a friendly and sociable group. We are not "professional fly fishers" although we have some extremely talented people in our group and we enjoy learning from each other. We do not meet to facilitate any personal or political agenda. We have no paid staff, only volunteers, and certainly not enough of them! We can be, and often are, many things to many people, but first and foremost, WE ARE A CONSERVATION CLUB.

Most of the profits from our fundraiser auction are spent on conservation. This past May we raised over \$8500 at our auction. (Woo-hoo!) \$5000 of the club's money went to a partnership with ODFW and several other agencies to rebuild a meander off Little Butte Creek where it joins the mighty Rogue in the Denman Wildlife area. Spawning pools have been eradicated along this stretch and your club is working to restore these pools that are critical to the salmon and steelhead population. It makes me proud to be part of an organization who "pays it forward" like this.

While the monthly dinner meetings afford us the time to be social, meet people and talk about our fishing experiences, they also give us the opportunity to learn. Sometimes we learn from our guest speakers about places to fish and techniques to use. Last month, we learned about one of the most horrific conservation battles being waged and we were asked to help. For those of you who did not attend, I urge you to visit savebristolbay.org and see what is happening. I have a supply of reading materials that I will bring to future meetings and I encourage you to get educated about this. I have copies of letters you may send to your political representatives. You may wonder what a problem in Alaska has to do with the folks in Oregon, or any other state, but I assure you this issue will affect ALL OF US for generations to come.

I am so proud of the people in our club and what we accomplish. Let's continue our efforts at conservation. THIS, is who we are. THIS is what that small group of visionaries had in mind 40 years ago and we need to be reminded of it from time to time. While we all enjoy the outings and the dinner meetings and the friendships made in this club of ours, let's honor the vision of it founders and do our part to respect, maintain, restore and preserve habitat. The water, the fish, the flora and the fauna depend on us.

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We are looking for an RFF member who enjoys working with kids to fill the "Youth Membership Chairman" vacancy in our club. All that is required is your willingness to help coordinate volunteers for three community events (we have a list of people willing to help!) and offer to "host" a couple of "kid friendly" outings each year. Would any of our new members consider this post?

WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO HELP! Contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094

Online Magazine Subscription Included in the raffle

Dave Hughes, Skip Morris, and Rick Hafele, three of the best known fly fishing writers and instructors in the country, have started a new online subscription based e-zine for fly fishers called HookedNow. Each issue of this bimonthly magazine includes an in-depth article by Dave, Skip and Rick along with color photos and video designed to help illustrate the information. For a limited time a year's subscription costs \$7.95. For more information, including a free issue, go to: hookednow.com.

They would like to offer a subscription to HookedNow in the raffle. There is a form that will be raffled off with the info needed to sign the winner up.

HANK ROGERS ANNUAL MEMORIAL PICNIC IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH

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YOU MUST PAY IN CASH FOR THE ENTRANCE FEE!

Jackson County Park Passes are accepted!

Dinner: Fresh Barbecued chicken is the featured entrée and lemonade or tea is provided. <u>Please note the following "what should I bring?" schedule:</u> If your last name ends with: A to J—Bring some type of salad (green or fruit) or a vegetable dish K to P—Bring a side dish of potatoes, bread, pasta etc. Q to Z—Bring dessert of any kind

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SETTING (Plate and eating utensils) BRING ANY BEVERAGES THAT YOU WOULD PREFER TO DRINK

To volunteer for this event, contact Gary Graham at 541-512-1841 or email him at ggraham240@aol.com

Cascade Christian High

Cascade Christian High in Medford began a fly fishing elective class in 2005. It is a full-semester course where students learn to tie flies and knots, cast, and build their own custom fly rod. They graduate from the program with a rod, reel, line and many boxes of flies. We sell a couple of extra student- built rods at our school auction to cover our cost of fly tying material and supplies, so the class is self-supporting. SOFF, RFF and the ORCFFF have supported our efforts from the outset.

Bob Claypool (a professional rod builder and volunteer for our program since we began) and I were checking out our inventory and discovered that we had plenty of extra rod-building components. All we needed were a few blanks to allow us to build. Bob and I approached SOFF and RFF for the 'princely sum' of \$100 each to purchase the blanks and begin the building process. We found some Cascade student fly fishers that had done a good job on their rod and were eager to build another for a good purpose.

SOFF and RFF both received five 8'6"-5wt rods. Each club chose to offer one as a prize at the 1st Annual Medford Fly Fishing Expo held March 19, 2011. The remaining rods are for the clubs to 'use as they choose.' Check out the fine wraps and trim on these rods and the epoxy finish from Bob Claypool. Cascade Christian High thanks SOFF and RFF for six years of support and encouragement and hopes to have the opportunity to serve the clubs again!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUGUST--Club Birthday

September--Charles Gehr, Spey Fishing Local Waters for Steelhead

October--Rick Hafele- Sometimes known as "Bug Man", Rick is a retired state entomologist, author and nymph angler. He will present one of several educational and often entertaining programs

OUTINGS UPDATES:

As you know, the Hyatt Lake outing last weekend didn't happen. Unless we find a couple of members who are willing to coordinate a few of these outings, a few others will have to be cancelled as well. Those of us serving in other capacities are too busy with other duties to manage this part of the club!

Wednesday, July 20th

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Saturday, July 23rd

BEGINNERS FLY FISHING CLASS with Richard Fiebelkorn This is the class for anyone who wants to learn how to fly fish. Indoor classroom instruction and casting outside will be offered from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, just up the freeway in Gold Hill. It is located at 8401 Old Stage Road. Take the Gold Hill exit, #40 (OR 99/OR 234)and go left. You will run into on Old Stage Road. The Park is located on the right side about 1/4 mile down. Bring your own sack lunch. For more information or to arrange carpools, contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094.

Thursday August 4th—Sunday August 7th

Hosmer Lake Float and Boat

with Fishmaster Brian Pindell. For more details contact Brian at 541-840-0816 or email him at bpindell@q.com. The fishing is excellent and Brain can give you camping details as well!

Friday, August 12th through the 14th

Adventures on the Chewaucan

You can fish for a day or stay for all three. Gary Graham is your host for this very special weekend. If you have not fished the Chewaucan, it is unlike any other body of water in Oregon and the setting is fabulous! Contact Gary at 541-512-1841 or ggraham240@aol.com for more information!

FREE CASTING IN THE PARK AT HAWTHORNE IS OFFERED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BY OTIS SWISHER AND JOHN MACDIARMID. This is a great opportunity to practice getting to the fish

From the Librarian

Due to the picnic at Emigrant Lake we will not do library exchanges for July, hold the materials you have and bring them back at the August meeting. See you at the August meeting.

Curt Schlosser

Gary Miller, Instructor Dale Heath, Assistant Instructor Bob Claypool, Volunteer

A Second Look at a Great Book Jock Scott's GREASED LINE FISHING FOR SALMON/STEELHEAD

Forward by Bill McMillan Review by Otis D. Swisher

For those who want to peer into the past as well as those who want to bring the past up to the present, this is your chance to enjoy reading of an old fly fishing technique being re-discovered. It's about top water fishing for steelhead.

The hero is A.H.E. Wood, a Britisher who lived in the early 1900's. His fishing records cover 1913-1934. Silk was the line of choice and gut was the leader material. To make the silk float, it was heavily "greased", oftentimes several applications a day. Now, we just say "floating lines."

An aside: my Dad strung his line around a room from wooden peg to wooden peg at the end of each day's fishing so that it would dry. And, in between fishing trips, also, so it would not acquire a "set" or "kink".

Mr. Wood's river was the Dee. His river beat, he fished primarily for Atlantic Salmon.. His exploits are almost unbelievable. The 1931 catch total for Mr. Wood himself: 202 fish. Of these, 18 were of fish of 20 pounds or greater.

One note says: "Mr. Wood took 121 fish in 13 consecutive days." Another note, that from 1913-1934 "Mr. Wood himself landed 3,490 fish." He amazingly took six fish of between 30 and 37 lbs each, and one of 43 and one of 45 lbs. Considering that his fishing "year" was only 4-months long, from February 11 to mid-June at the latest, he had amazing success with his method of fishing.

He developed the "greased line" technique and used it exclusively no matter what the water flow: from low water to Spring "spate" (high and discolored). He was convinced that flies fished on the top would catch as many fish as, or out-catch any other method.

"Mending" the line properly, was critical to him. In general, he cast straight across or slightly upstream. Then, he mended UP-stream to let his sparsely tied fly sink. As the fly drifted opposite to him or was slightly below him he did a DOWN-stream mend. He would thereafter "lead the fly", not "drag" it, but with the rod tip a little above, or below the fly depending on the water speed, "lead" or slow the fly so it would continue downstream. At the end of the downstream's lowest point, he lead the fly "broadside" to the fish as it finally came across the stream to finish its drift and hang directly below him. The key to success he believed was that the fly was moving slowly and so the fish could see the whole fly.

On calmer water, the rod tip was held just about a foot above the water during the drift . On turbulent water the rod tip was held high. The off-rod hand held about 2 feet of line which could be released at the time of the rise. More importantly, the "hook set" was not to be done towards the sky. If he could "do nothing" at the take, his second choice was to lay the rod tip towards the bank below. This gave the water pressure against the line a chance to move the hook into the corner of the fish's mouth which is the best, most secure, place for a hook-up.

On turbulent water, the rod tip was held high so that when the fish showed itself the rod tip could instantly be lowered, "bow to the fish" so it would not feel pressure. He finished the hook up as usual by moving the rod tip towards the bank below him to get the usual "hook set in the corner of the fish's mouth. You will find the entire book is a good read. If, however, you wish to concentrate just on the line manipulation technique, it is extremely well-presented in the Introduction by Bill McMillan as well as in some line illustrations.

It is available from the Rogue Flyfishers library. I think you will agree with me that this style of fishing is a fun way to fish...and very effective.

Fly Fishing: A Developed Skill The Modified Roll Cast By Otis D. Swisher

The Classic Roll Cast is of special value if you have trees or other vegetation so close behind that there is no space for a long back cast.

Although it has limitation as far as distance is concerned, the Roll Cast can reach out to 40 feet quite easily. To see a true master of the Roll Cast, get a view of Lani Waller at work over the huge steelhead he fishes. He makes it look so easy.

All along the Rogue at public access points, I find a Modified Roll Cast helpful, since I do not wade, and those who do, push many fish to lies farther out. Also, the amount of vegetation often inhibits my use of a full extension of line on the back cast.

Enter the use of the Modified Roll Cast, which increases line weight and permits the rod to "load" better on the forward stroke.

The "How To": the back cast is allowed to go back as far as possible without hooking the vegetation. (Look over your shoulder if necessary.) The off-rod-hand controls the amount of line you will be "shooting". I like large loops hanging off my fingers instead of a mass on the ground at my feet.

No "tight loops" on the back cast. Instead, a "wide loop" on purpose. Reason? A "wide loop" requires less line speed for the forward stroke. And, application of a "single haul" on the forward stroke is a must. In fact, it should be exaggerated. This can be done by exaggerating extra, but SLOW, power from the off-rod-hand, and at the same time EASING UP on the power applied by the rod-hand.

It is important that you start the "forward stroke" BEFORE the line is fully extended behind you. In effect, the "wide loop" is an exaggeration to the bow in the line you usually form beside you on the regular Roll Cast. So, to compensate for this extra amount of line in the "wide loop", you must apply more "off-rod-hand" power by exaggerating the "single haul" applied to the forward stroke.

Simplified: Less rod-hand power, More off-rod-hand power on the forward stroke.

Check your leader often. Wind knots will form more readily. That little inconvenience can be tolerated because of the gain in water coverage you will acquire with this Modified Roll Cast.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Robert Stuart of Medford (541-773-5526) Robert Wicker of Rogue River (541-582-0736)

On The Fly

July 2011

Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"

PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Adams Wet Fly

- Hook: Daiichi 1550, standard wet, size 16-14.
- Thread: 8-0 black or dark gray
- Tail: Brown and grizzly hen fibers, mixed.
- Rib: Optional: fine wire or tying thread.
- Body: Dark gray muskrat or rabbit fur.
- Hackle: Brown and grizzly hen, one turn each.
- Wing: Grizzly hen hackle tips, back to back.



Tying Instructions-

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the hook barb. Step 3: Select a small bunch of brown and grizzly hen fibers. Measure tail 3/4 of shank length and tie them on top of the hook just above the barb.

Step 4: Dub the tying thread with the dark gray fur and then advance it forward to the thread tie-in position.

Step 5: Select one each brown and grizzly soft hen hackle feathers with fibers long enough to reach the hook barb. Prepare and tie in at the front of the body with the shiny (convex) side facing forward. Tie off and trim. Take one turn with each feather, tie off and trim. Take a couple wraps of tying thread rearward over the hackle fibers to achieve the proper angle.

Step 6: Select a matching pair of grizzly hen hackle tips, even the tips with the dull (concave) side facing back to back. Measure the length so tips reach halfway on the tail, tie them in on top of the hackle wraps, and trim the butts.

Step 7: Form a neat head, whip finish and cement.

Most wet flies, which include the soft hackles, were not US inventions but imported from the British Isles early in our fly fishing history before the advent of the dry fly. They were effective then and have been somewhat forgotten since. Many of the most productive wet fly patterns were ultimately converted to dry fly versions. Not so with this month's pattern.

The Adams Wet Fly was converted from one of the most popular dry flies in the world, the Adams, a truly US fly. In 1922 Leonard Halladay developed the pattern and named it for the fisherman who first used it, Charles Adams on Michigan's Broadman River. Since its inception there have been dozens of dry variations using many different materials. We have also seen any number of Adams versions such as the parachute, the emerger, the cripple, downwing, female, reversed, spent wing, thorax, well, you get the idea. My point is that the Adams Wet Fly claims its heritage from the Granddaddy of them all. The most widely used dry fly that does not directly imitate any specific natural trout food and yet consistently produces results.

Wet fly patterns are fished sub-surface in the top or middle water column and are designed to imitate adult may flies that have either drowned while floating on the surface of the stream waiting for their wings to dry or have died while flying over the water after laying eggs. They differ from dry flies in that they are made from soft hackle material instead of stiff hackle material and their wings are swept to the rear instead of standing upright.

Tying Tips:

To blend the two colors of hackle fibers for the tail, simply roll them between your thumb and forefinger before tying them in. I use ribbing on larger sizes only. On smaller sizes I prefer a tighter, more segmented body without the bulky ribbing. This can be accomplished by forming a dubbing loop after the dubbing has been applied to the thread. Twist the loop tight until the thread disappears into the rope. The most difficult technique will be to get the wings to lay flat over the body with very little angle. By stacking the hackle turns on top of the body and the wing on top of the hackle wraps, the proper wing position will be much easier. The head will turn out larger in proportion, but that is common with most wet flies.

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) www.tyerstoolshop.com

Allison Estergard Selected as the Recipient of the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship



The Rogue Flyfishers selected Allison Estergard as the recipient of the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year. Allison is a senior in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University, where she has earned a 3.77 GPA. In addition to her studies. Allison has been very active on campus: She served as the Ambassador for Agricultural Sciences, Forestry, and Natural resources. She is active in the Oregon State Fisheries and Wildlife Club, the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, the Linn Benton Community College Biology Club, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Allison has worked as an undergraduate research assistant studying the fishes in Upper Klamath Lake, a student intern with the Marine Resources Program of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, a fish collection assistant for OSU, and a shift leader at the Chintimini Wildlife Center. After completing her studies, Allison plan to pursue a career in fisheries conservation and management here in the Pacific Northwest. The Rogue Flyfishers are very pleased to have such a remarkable student as the recipient of our scholarship. In response to the award, Allison sent a card to the club with the following message:

Dear Members of the Rogue Flyfishers,

I am writing to thank you for the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship. It is truly an honor to receive such generous support from your club. I will be finishing my last few terms in the Fisheries and Wildlife Department next year. Oregon State has been an exciting place to gain knowledge and grow professionally. The Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship will help relieve some of colleges financial burden and allow me to focus more of my time and energy on completing my degree. Thank you again for your generosity. Your support of Oregon State University students is greatly appreciated. I hope to be able to provide the same support to students in the future.

Sincerely, Allison Estergard

Wednesday Open Casting

Members Otis Swisher (541-772-9755) and John MacDiarmid (541-840-0183) (FFF Certified Casting Instructor) are at Hawthorne Park each Wednesday (except club meeting night) at 6:00 P.M.-7:00P.M. (weather permitting) from the first of June to September 14th. to help you with your casting. If you are a beginner, they can get you started correctly; if you have been casting a while and want more distance, they can help. How are your slack line, presentation casts? Can you cast without tailing loops? These guys really enjoy casting and helping you improve your cast.

Reach Mend Cast

John MacDiarmid

In the last newsletter, Otis graciously told us how to fish the Takelma boat ramp. If you read it closely, you will note he calls for a strong upstream mend after the line is on the water. This movement allows the fly to fish at a dead drift instead of being pulled by the line faster than the current the fly is in. Trout may have a single digit I.Q. but they know drag and the slightest drag will result in a refusal. The beautiful part of the reach mend cast is it allows you to execute the mend before the line hits the water. How natural is that? It is one of the most useful fishing casts available and once you learn it you will be asking yourself, "Where have you been all my life?"

Technically, the reach mend is not a cast as it is made at the very end of the cast. You make your normal cross stream cast and immediately after the rod stop, while the line is in the air and on the way, you just move the rod tip upstream, and the line lands upstream of the fly. At Takilma on the right hand bank (looking down stream), it will be a cross body move for a right handed caster. If you are fishing to a seam 20' away and you have 20' of line out, a reach upstream will pull the fly back to you, to say 16'. To correct this, hold 4' of slack in your line hand and release it as you reach; the fly will land on the 20' seam. But don't worry about this yet; just get the basic rod movement down. It is unnatural at first but it will become automatic...and you will catch more fish!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! LAST "BEGINNERS FLY FISHING CLASS FOR <u>THE YEAR!"</u>

Due to an overwhelming request for another fly fishing class, we have scheduled the last beginners class for 2011 on Saturday, July 23rd. The only other opportunity will be the steelhead class in August.

This is the class for anyone who wants to learn how to fly fish. Indoor classroom instruction and casting outside will be offered from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, just up the freeway in Gold Hill. It is located at 8401 Old Stage Road. Take the Gold Hill exit, #40 (OR 99/OR 234)and go left. You will run into on Old Stage Road. The Park is located on the right side about 1/4 mile down. Bring your own sack lunch. For more information or to arrange carpools, contact Kellie at

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THANK YOU

To **J. D. Jones** and **Mac MacNair** who participated in the Rogue River Cleanup on Saturday, June 18th. We have been promised better communication and advance notice of upcoming cleanup projects in the future. With more notice we can represent our club with a much larger contingent of boats and crew in future efforts.



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Members of RFF should mention their affiliation for special consideration.

So Many Fish, So Little Time - July

July should be very good for trout and early arrivals of the summer run of Steelhead on the upper Rogue. Dry Salmonfly imitations can work well particularly early in the month, but keep your eye open for other possibilities and be prepared with assorted dry flies and soft hackles. Nymphs have produced very well in July. Try a weighted stonefly nymph and about 16 inches below that a smaller unweighted nymph, such as Green Rock Worm, Bird Nest, Copper John, or any of several other possibles. Also, swinging a Carey Special or Cheveney, any of a dozen others as well, should do business.

We caught a surprising number of 14 to 16 inch trout in the upper river beginning in July last year, and it will be interesting to see if that size range appears in large numbers this year. With the removal of Savage Rapids and Gold Ray Dams, one suspects a causal relationship. Keep your fingers cross.

Blue-green algae in Lost Creek Lake have dampened enthusiasm for fishing there. However, early July is a good time to fish off the dam for bass if you wish. Other impoundments may face this recurring problem as well. Water in the river below the dam has been tested and appears not to have the algae problem.

Elsewhere, Diamond Lake will be a good bet, although one can be skunked there if the fish decide to take a day off. As the snow melts great sport can be enjoyed casting small dry flies for wild Rainbows in our small streams as the they come down to summer levels.

Flash! Look for a change In our annual steelhead tournament, scheduled for Saturday, October 8, this year. Announcement coming in August's Newsletter.

DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in June	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@ msn.com	Activities Performed by Conservation Chairman: Attended three Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions; three Shady Cove Planning Commission events, setting 12-month priorities for the Planning Commission, a Flood Plain Development Hearing, and a Riparian Corridor Study Session; five Shady Cove Water Plan Task Force sessions; meetings with Public Works Management Inc.; DEQ on Rogue River TMDL Monitoring and Theme and logo to identify projects and events along Bear Creek; and a DEQ Monitoring follow-up meeting with Rogue Basin Coordinating Council. An informative display about the Little Butte Creek Meander was prepared for the June RFF dinner meeting.	John Ward

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

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Rogue Fly Fishers membership Application and membership Renewal Form

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; <u>new</u> 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,
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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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