



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

Julie Weeder

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Rogue Fly Fishers welcomes NOAA fisheries Biologist Julie Weeder as our July Speaker. Julie will enlighten us as to the health of the Coho Salmon populations in the Rogue watershed that reflects on all anadromous species here. Julie is a leading authority on the subject of Coho recovery on the west coast.

## **President's Message—July 2015**

Two gals and a Dixie Cup.....

A long planned and twice postponed "girl's weekend" brought an unexpected finale.

My friend and I headed out of town on Friday morning and spent two glorious days enjoying Sunset Bay, Cape Arago and the surrounding magnificence that is Oregon at its finest. We talked about the triple digit weather we had left behind and our worries over the low water levels visible to us throughout our drive over to the coast. On Sunday, rather than head directly to her home (two hours north of Medford) we decided to stop at the Umpqua for a bit. We hiked down a hill to what should have been the water's edge only to see a mass of flat rocks broken by the occasional puddles or small rivulets of water. The actual moving part of the river was at least 15 feet out from what, in years past, would have been the "beach." One shallow puddle revealed a couple of dead baby fish. The small body of water they had become trapped in had been heated by the summer sun and cooked the life right out of them. We were mourning their demise as we continued moving from stone to stone, scanning other depressions where river water remained. Our sadness was replaced by wonder when, in one particular stretch, we spotted a school of fingerlings swimming aimlessly back and forth—a fish's version of "pacing" as there was simply no way out and nowhere to go. These were larger longer areas of water trapped between the rocks and over a dozen baby steelhead swam back and forth in the 10 inch deep water. Remembering a plastic cup I had in the car I headed back up the hill to retrieve it. We spent the next hour and a half combing through the rocks, scooping up the baby fish and walking them out to the side channels of the river where the water was still moving and connected. They were two to four inches in length and appeared to be healthy so we felt a great sense of relief getting them to safer water. All in all, we probably saved 50 fish. After rescuing them, we sat on the rocks for awhile and just enjoyed watching them exploring their rightful habitat. I swear they were smiling with joy. I know that we were.

——-Kellie Christensen

### **Rogue Flyfishers July 15th Dinner Meeting Menu———**

BBQ Pork Loin	Roasted Red Potatoes	Cole Slaw	Dinner Rolls with Butter
	Chocolate Ganache Cake		
	Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea		

#### **Vegetarian Entrée**

Brocollini & Mushrooms with Black Bean Chili	Corn Bread
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If you wish to enjoy a Vegetarian Entrée, Lactose or Gluten Free Meal, please RSVP with Kellie before Monday July 13th if possible. Email her at [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) or call 541-776-4094.

## **Julie Weeder Speaker for July**

Julie is an Ecologist with NOAA Fisheries and Recovery Coordinator for the SONCC Coho salmon ESU.

She has been with NOAA for 11 years, before that she was a biologist in Maryland studying American eels.

Julie was born, raised, and went to school in Michigan ; University of Michigan undergrad and Michigan State University Master of Science. Her thesis topic was population genetics of Chinook salmon introduced into the Great Lakes from Oregon in the 1960s.

She believes that we can all make a difference in the survival and recovery of Coho salmon in Oregon. Right now, the situation is dire and most Rogue River populations are at high risk of extinction. However, we can rebuild populations enough to reduce the risk of extinction and put Rogue River Coho salmon on the path to recovery in our lifetimes.

## **July Outing Changed to the Umpqua River**



For the July outing, we were scheduled to go the upper Sacramento River in northern California. Unfortunately, the person that was going to lead that outing had to cancel. I will lead an outing in its place, and since I don't know much about the upper Sacramento, I decided on fishing for smallmouth bass on the Umpqua River instead. This is a great fishery during the summer, and it is at its best when the action is slower on many of our trout lakes, and the summer steelhead still have not yet arrived in significant numbers. Smallmouth are abundant throughout the main Umpqua and in the South Umpqua up to Tiller, they are aggressive fish that will readily take a fly, and it is common for anglers to catch dozens of fish in a day.

The outing will take place on July 18. We will meet at 7:00 AM in the Diamond Home Improvement Store parking lot on 7th Street in Grants Pass near the North I-5 interchange. We will car pool to the Umpqua from there. We will float a section of the main Umpqua, so if you have a driftboat or pontoon boat, please bring it. If you don't have a boat, we will try to find you a ride, or I will provide a map identifying places to fish from the bank.

Smallmouth bass can be found in the pools and backwater areas, and even in the slower riffles. They especially like to hold along the bedrock ledges and around the boulders. They will readily take poppers, Clouser minnows, woolly buggers, streamers, and large nymphs. Floating or slow-sinking lines fished on 5 or 6-weight rods are ideal. If you are interested in going, call me at 541-855-9043 or email me at [tmdrhaight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhaight@infostructure.net). Please let me know if you will be bringing a boat, and if you have room for a passenger.

David Haight, Outings Chair

## **Lunch with Friends**

Some FlyFishers will be gathering for Lunch at noon the 14th of July. We will meet at the Rogue River Lodge three miles up stream from Shady Cove. Be prepared to share fishing reports and stories. All FlyFishers are welcome.

Thanks,

Bob Shuck

## **...those that got away**

Why is it that all my fish stories are about...those that got away?

Last Saturday, on opening day of trout season on the Rogue, I got an "early" start... about noon. I checked the Holy Waters but there were no salmon flies. Next I checked Casey -- there were plenty of salmon flies but more visitors (Memorial Day weekend). The report from the fishermen was that the trout were not hitting the salmon flies. Further downstream I found an opening in the riparian large enough to make an overhead cast straight across the stream from the bank or flip casts upstream when I waded out about five feet into the river. I fished about an hour with size 14 attractor flies and caught four fin-clipped trout 9 to 12 inches. The next hour I tried a size 4 Stimulator style fly and had multiple hits and landed about eight trout with most of them like those caught earlier with a couple of Cuts 12 and 14 inches. Although it appeared that the salmon fly hatch had passed, the fish seemed to remember the larger bugs.

About 2:30 broke my rod.

Don't ask.

I gathered all the pieces, drove to the Ashland Fly Shop and purchased a backup rod. I broke my other rod in April. (This year's broken rods equals the total of the previous 20 years.)

By 6:30 I was back in my spot on the river with my new rod. I continued to catch a few small trout on large flies. After what looked like a normal take and, upon setting up, I considered putting this one "on the reel," ZIP...the fish took the slack out for me. He made several runs and then I was grateful for the Abel reel that my son gifted me several years ago. I am just hanging on worrying about my two triple surgeon's knots, my clinch knot (which I am famous for having them fail) and my 4x tippet with a wind knot in it. Then suddenly I'm in my backing...another knot to worry about. All this takes just a couple of minutes. The next 10 to 12 minutes, where the fish jumps once, we battle over the last twenty feet of flyline. I put twenty feet of line on the reel and he takes it back. This happens four or five times and ends anticlimactically when the hook pulls out. It's a terrible feeling while reeling in 100 feet of line realizing that it was another one of...those that got away.

Bob Shuck

## **Lost and Found**

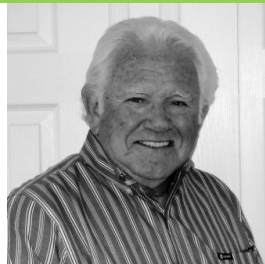
As some of you may recall, I found nice Sage rod with a Gunnison reel a couple of years ago while wading in the Rogue River. This was a few days after the RFF SH tournament. It was an exciting find because a 9½ ft. nymphing rod was exactly what I needed. The excitement evaporated when I happened to be talking to another RFF member who said, "I know whose it is." I had no choice but to do a good deed and return it, which I did.

Now, earlier this month, while reviving a nice brown trout on the Upper Deschutes, my fly box escaped and floated down river. Unbeknownst to me until I stood up and started wading toward shore. My wader pocket was empty, and I panicked as it contained at least 200 flies.

When I got back to Medford, I posted a notice on Craigs List, lost and found. Much to my surprise and delight, I got a text about two days later from someone in Bend who had found the fly box! It said he had given it to Kyle at the Fly and Field Shop and to pick it up there. So I asked my boy, Kevin, to swing by and pick it up, which he did. To add to the coincidence, Kevin and Kyle knew each other from COCC!! To add to my good luck, the box had not leaked, so there was no rusting.

Two morals here. First, what goes around, comes around. Also, it's a good idea to put your name and phone number on all your fly boxes!

Jon Iverson



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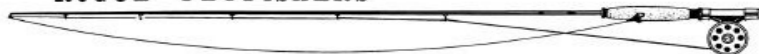
### **Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic report—June 2015**

Our picnic/outing was cool and beautiful at the River's Edge park above the Holy Water. Although attendance was not that high, we enjoyed getting to know some newer members of our club. We definitely did well in changing the picnic to June instead of July as we enjoyed cooler temperatures and a nice little breeze. Casting help was offered and utilized by several people and Otis Swisher and Robert Parker were great instructors. We will move the picnic to a more central location next year and if you have a suggestion for a favorite spot, please let one of the board members know! Folks also said they missed the chicken and potluck so those will be returning next year as well.

Thank you and have a safe and happy summer!



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**Renew in December for the following year.**

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