

JULY 2022

Rogue Flyfishers

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

No Meeting This Month

Up Coming Outings

July 13

Klamath Lake Large Trout

August 13-15

Sky Lakes



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President's Message from David Haight

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start. Many of our local fishing opportunities are looking good, especially compared to how things looked back in March: The cool, wet spring really helped conditions in many of our lakes and reservoirs, and fishing is now turning on in many of our still-water fisheries. In the rivers, we are seeing some of the better returns of salmon and steelhead we have seen in several years. Hopefully this will lead to a great summer steelhead season on the Rogue.

We were finally able to have our first dinner meeting of the year in June. It was wonderful to see those of you that attended, and for the club to get back into a more normal routine. Chuck Huntington put on a very informative program about fishing with dry flies in lakes for trout. He shared a number of tips that should be especially helpful to those of us that wish we were more successful during the Callibaetis "hatches" at East Lake and Crane Prairie Reservoir, but will apply to other lakes as well.

Speaking of Crane Prairie, Steve Day hosted our June outing there. The weather was rather cold and windy, and consequently the fishing was not as good as it could have been; however, we did catch a number of nice Cranebows", and it was great to spend time visiting around the campfire. In late May, Mike Masters led an outing to the Owyhee River, known for its outstanding fishing for large brown trout. Mike knows this fishery well, and was able to provide the club members who attended the instruction they needed to catch a very good number of quality brown trout.

As usual, the club will not hold dinner meetings in July and August. We will still have other activities during the summer, including outings: On July 13, I will lead an outing to Klamath Lake to fish for large redband trout (look for details in this newsletter), and Jerry Haynes will lead an outing into the Sky Lakes Wilderness August 13 – 15.

In September, we will resume our dinner meetings at Centennial Golf Club. Centennial has provided us with a great venue for our meeting, and has been very good to us. In order for them to keep providing us with this service, they need to sell a minimum of 50 dinners each month. We easily met this number at our meetings prior to the COVID pandemic. The meetings we have held since then have had much lower attendance. If we want to keep meeting at Centennial, and in general, have our club get back to what it was prior to COVID, we need our members to resume their participation in the meetings and in other events. I certainly hope that enough of us will attend the meetings so that we can remain at Centennial. It would be a shame to lose such a wonderful venue, and we don't have any other good options.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer, with a lot of great fishing adventures. I look forward to seeing many of you at our summer outings, and certainly hope to see a big group at our next dinner meeting in September.





2022 FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND DINNER

OCTOBER 8, 2022

JACKSON COUNTRY EXPO

PADGHAM PAVILION

Doors open 4:00 PM

Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction close 5:30

Dinner Buffet (by Back Porch Bar & Grill) at 5:40

Live Auction starts at 6:45

Tickets are \$ 30.00 and go on sale 7/1/22

**For additional information contact Tim Bolling, Auction
Chair at RFFishers90@gmail.com**

Holy Water Update

Kirk Kowalke

Salmon flies and large trout were on at the holy water this year. Hope you got a chance to enjoy some nice days there. I was able to fish many times though out the hatch this year and had some memorable fish on and many more miss takes as I learned where that word came from. Staring in mid to late may the flies started showing up there but talking to other fishers and myself agreed they weren't landing on the water and the trout didn't want to show up yet. On into June it decidedly got better by the first week of June it was game on. Talked to many people some older club members who don't live here anymore but still visit for the hatch. Most people were getting a couple fish a day some more and all larger fish. On any given morning to early afternoon there were 6-8 fishers out and seemed like half the cars were out of state. Still not crowded , and the salmon flies were crawling and landing everywhere. On june10 we had our first RFF roadside cleanup put on by Paul Seymour , it went very well and Don Dabney and I and Paul made short work of covering the road and park areas. We even got in some fishing ourselves afterwards. I was startled by two large rattlers facing off on the dirt road along the Highway near the slide and concrete pylons . They were more interested in who was going to impress who and let me take some video. Beware. It's June 22 today first day of what appears to be a great summer with the past rainfall and hope we keep getting some, just not the lightning with it. Fished today and had my best day, using my new claymore trout spey in 3 wt. from Rogue Valley anglers. It put it to the test coaxing the large bows upriver into a net. Bends nicely. Enough for now, hope you get away for some enjoyable days on the water this year.

Tight lines, Kirk



Outing to Upper Klamath Lake

Upper Klamath Lake supports one of the best trophy trout fisheries in the United States. Its fertile waters produce redband trout well in excess of ten pounds. During the summer, as the water in this shallow lake warms, the trout concentrate in the cool springs and tributaries that enter the lake. Pelican Bay, on the northern end of the lake, is fed by several springs and is an area where a lot of trout spend the summer.

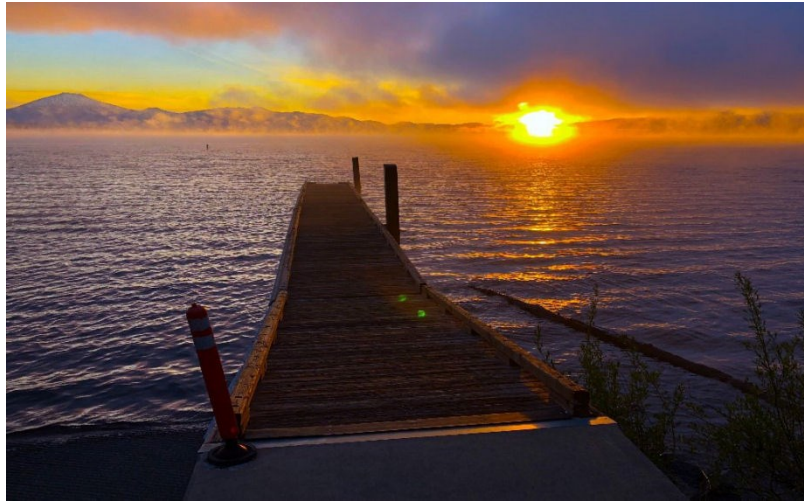
The Rogue Flyfishers will have an outing to Pelican Bay on Wednesday July 13 to fish for these trophy trout. Since some people like to be on the water at first light and others like to make a more leisurely trip over the mountains, participants can head over to fish as early as they like. We will then meet in the parking lot at the Rocky Point boat ramp at 9 AM to share information about locations and techniques for targeting these trout.

Because of the possibility of hooking into a really big trout, a six or seven-weight rod would be a good choice. Casting and stripping flies is the most common way to target these predatory trout, but fishing a balanced leech or midge pattern under an indicator can also be productive. For casting and stripping, a clear intermediate fly line is typically the most useful line while fishing Pelican Bay. Leaders tapering to 3X are usually adequate, but you may need to go lighter if you fish right near the clear springs. Bring the usual assortment of stillwater patterns. Woolly buggers and leeches are typically go-to patterns on Klamath Lake, but at times, damsel, Callibaetis, or midge patterns can be effective. There is limited opportunity to fish from the bank, so a floating device (anything from a float tube to a powerboat) would be a benefit.

David Haight
Attachments area



CRANE PRAIRIE 2022



The Crane Prairie Outing for this year has come and gone and I do believe it finally took Winter with it. For those folks that came up, it was a good time even if the fish weren't as receptive as we would have liked. The weather in particular was not very cooperative. At least three separate storm fronts moved through in five or so days and blessed us with wind, rain, hail and an early morning lightening show. This of course flipped the off switch for the fish. But alas, we did catch some fish, most of which were in the best condition I've seen in several years.



The cast and crew this year was diverse as we had folks from not only our Club but members from Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Klamath Country Fly Casters and the Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers were in attendance as well. Really great to get everyone together.

I had several requests during this outing to do Diamond Lake next year for our big summer event. I believe we may just do that. In the mean time get out and fish and by all means check out the video below. Our good friend, Jay Spencer, from Hillsboro, spent the first few days with us and produced this great short clip. Turn up the volume and enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/IUhmfkeY3RU>



Road Clean Up

Kirk Kowalke and Don Dabney joined in for the Road Clean Up at the Holy Waters on Friday, June 10. We were able to cover the area from Highway 62 to the damn. It was a nice change from the Crater Lake Highway area we used to do as we didn't have 60 mph traffic, hypodermic needles and who knows what else we used to find. We would have several bags of trash and this time only one which was half full. The most common items were cigarette butts and candy wrappers. We found a big wad of monofilament line which was good to get out. When I asked Kirk and Don what was the most interesting thing they found, Kirk showed us a video of two 3 foot long rattlesnakes doing a mating dance near the road along the river. WOW. Next time you see Kirk, ask him to show it to you. Pretty spectacular and a good reminder that the rattlesnakes are out now. The weather was perfect and the area of course is beautiful. After the cleanup Kirk was kind enough to show me one of his favorite fishing spots. Salmon Flies were everywhere but unfortunately the fish were not rising.

We used to say, "I think we got a lot of it." Now we can say, "I think we got pretty much all of it." I will schedule our next cleanup for the Fall.

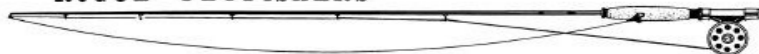
Paul Seymour

AUCTION NEWS

The Auction Committee has barely started soliciting donations for our October Auction, and we've already got some great items coming in. Want to go fish the Klamath basin with a guide who really knows those waters? Marlon Rampy and **Wildwest Fly Fishing** have donated a half price trip for one or two. Need a place to stay over there? How about half off the normal rate at **Rustic River Lodge** on the banks of the Williamson? Rather stay over on the coast? How about 1 night free at **Tu Tu Tun Lodge** on the lower Rogue? Maybe 1 day fishing at Sugar Creek Ranch for 2 people courtesy of **The Fly Shop**? These are just some of the new items that have had come in. We already had lots of terrific items as a result of the last two auctions being cancelled, so make plans now on attending the Action on October 8th at the Jackson County Expo! Check out our website for further information.

While we've already got lots of rods, reels, and other gear, we can always use other items, big or small. And they don't have to be fishing related. Are you a woodworker, baker, potter, or have another hidden talent? Consider making a donation to help us raise money for the educational, environmental, and community service projects we support. Just contact me at timbolling328@gmail.com or by calling 510-410-1738.

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Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

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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.

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