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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.

PROGRAM

John Shewey

Confessions of a Swinger: Fly Fishing for Summer Steelhead

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From May through the end of autumn, depending on specific run timings in specific rivers, summer steelhead are on the move in the Pacific Northwest, and anglers claim their share of a legacy that spans decades, a legacy of pursuing these noble fish with flies.

The art and passion that enshrouds steelhead fly fishing afflicts countless devotees, forming an addiction that borders on religion. In his most popular program, longtime steelhead angling enthusiast John Shewey takes you on a stirring journey of discovery, delving into the techniques and flies and rivers and attitudes that compose this regal sport.

President's Message


It is starting to feel like springtime is right around the corner. I think I'm right because while I was working on my boat tonight, I killed 3 mosquitoes! I am such a magnet to them, they were probably the very first to hatch. Back to my boat, I am about 98% finished with my casting deck and bow mount for my trolling motor. My little lake boat is just chopping at the bit to get wet. And I don't mean rain wet.

Until then I've got my winter steelhead gear prepped and ready for the Applegate Outing and other chances. I checked out the Rogue today and by gosh I'm headed there on Sunday, the day after the Applegate outing.

Hopefully you gained a lot of information from our meeting last week. There are lots going on Conservation wise. I have asked Forrest English from Rogue River Keeper, to put in some newsletter articles addressing the LNG pipeline issue. That way we can all be more informed and where to speak out if needed. This will be an ongoing article each month for a little while.

I want to thank all the presenters at the February meeting for a great job of giving us information of what is going on around us, what has gone on, and what else we might help with.

Our club does make a difference! Let's keep contributing to our Auction and Steelhead Tournament so we can keep our valley as perfect as we can.

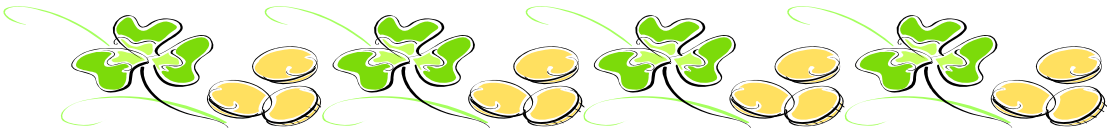


Menu for the RFF March 19, 2014 Dinner Meeting at The Rogue Regency-

- Pot Roast Jardiniere
- Tossed Green Salad with Dressing
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Seasonal Sauteed Vegetables
- Assorted Rolls and Butter
- Chef's Choice Dessert
- Coffee, Decaf or Tea

REMEMBER TO CONTACT KELLIE AT kclmbr@msn.com (541-776-4094) IF YOU NEED A VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN OR DAIRY FREE DINNER OPTION

There will be a \$5 charge for members that don't order dinner.



FISH STORY

Since spring is just around the corner, I couldn't help but recall an event that occurred last March at one of our local ponds. I "cut my fly-fishing teeth" on many such ponds under the patient tutelage of our own Otis Swisher. Thus, it was only fitting that I take my grandkids out to pass along the experience.

Most of us have seen (and have been gifted by) one of the famous Otis flies, the yellow-foam spider. Now the kids aren't quite ready for a fly rod, but we outfitted their 3-foot Spider Man and Scooby-Doo poles with a bubble and the foam fly.

The first hour wasn't much fun, untangling lines and retrieving flies from the trees. But after awhile they figured it out and started catching some fish. I could resist no longer, sneaking my way back to the pickup I grabbed my 3 wt. and rejoined the kids.

On my third cast a 2-inch bluegill ate the spider. When I stripped the fish back to shore he frantically started to swim in circles as I leaned down for the release. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted two large, dark shadows lurching out from under the weed bed. Little bluegill reacted quickly, dashing out to deeper water with his two bass predators in hot pursuit. Within seconds I felt a much different sensation from my rod tip.

What to do? Otis never told me about this! Now I was bait fishing!! Very gingerly I began to strip my line (and plural fishes) back to shore. I began to wonder which way the bass had mouthed the bluegill? If the little guy went in headfirst perhaps the spiny dorsal fin might hang up in the mouth of the bass?

Slowly "they" came out from under the weed bed—I stooped down to take a look. Two huge eyes returned my stare. Suddenly the JAWS theme-song started pounding in my ears. Just another foot or so... I never saw a mouth open so wide, out popped our little friend.

We got him resuscitated and I apologized profusely. Little Jonah swam away, don't know if he'll ever try another spider! The kids, the bluegill and I learned some valuable life lessons that day:

- 1) Always expect the unexpected
- 2) Just because you're small doesn't mean you quit when danger lurks
- 3) The Otis spider REALLY works!

Happy Spring !!!! Ken Bonsi

RFF NEEDS 3 MORE HELPERS SUNDAY, MARCH 9 in ALBANY @ EXPO

Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers asked member clubs to provide **Family Fun Day** activities at **2014 NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing EXPO**. RFF Board said "Yes, we will support this". The plan is to offer **SALMON on your PLATE** for pre-teen youngsters and interested parents, other family, and adults.

OOPS !!!

only Mike Masters, Bob Larsell, Jay Daley & John Ward signed up,

RFF needs **3 more helpers** to staff the **SALMON on your PLATE** booth to coach youngsters on choosing Chinook, Coho, or Steelhead species, wild or hatchery fish, chrome-bright or spawning colors and creating clay salmon with matching fins and features, and glazing in appropriate colors. Families leave with a precious but unfired ceramic treasure which they take to their local pottery kiln for low temperature cone 06 firing for a memorable **SALMON on your PLATE** reminder of their Family Fun Day. Novices can apply so even if you are new to working with clay or glazes, please volunteer. You need to be at the Linn County Fairgrounds by 9:00 am Sunday, March 9 for a brief training session and 3-hour coaching shift. RFF will have clay, modeling tools, glazes and brushes ready for you. EXPO entrance fees are complimentary for Instructors, and food service is available; bring an apron if you have one and dress for some working messes.

Call Mike Masters at **541. 261. 2243** or John Ward **542. 482. 2859** if you can help make this succeed.





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On May 17 and 18, 2014, Atlantic Salmon Fly enthusiasts will experience an event like no other.

Hosted by Seattle's Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild, Atlantic Salmon Fly International (ASFI) is a first-of-its-kind event strictly celebrating the Art and Passion of the Atlantic Salmon Fly. None of us would be tying these flies were it not for zealous salmon fly tiers sharing their knowledge face-to-face over the eras. The robust tradition can only continue so long as we continue to make new friends and share our passion with fellow enthusiasts.

While the Internet has made sharing knowledge easy, and making new friends in other countries possible, there is no substitute for tangible camaraderie and learning in person. ASFI aims to take virtual reality into the flesh for an old-time learning experience. Long-distance friends will have a chance to meet, new relationships will be forged, and tiers of all generations can share their knowledge.

Currently, no less than ten countries will be representing, from Japan to Germany, and we have only just begun! The best Atlantic Salmon fly tiers from hairwings to the most complex, gaudiest Victorian featherwings will demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge on tying and fishing these storied patterns. ASFI will not only feature fly tiers, but also have hook maker demonstrations, dyemasters teaching the craft of colors, and seminars on history, design, and methods are to be had.

We look forward to your participation in maintaining the momentum of the tradition, and making the first ASFI a success!

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Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi". Come to the Expo and be part of the crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers building their knowledge and seeing old friends. At the Expo you will have the opportunity to:

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- Attend the Banquet & Auction Saturday night

General Admission: \$7.00

FFF Members, Veterans and Youth 18 & Under: **FREE**

Parking is also **FREE**

www.nwexpo.com for more information



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS-

Our annual fund raising auction, **"A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE"** is Saturday, May 17th from 5:30 to 9:30 PM at the Rogue Regency

Cost is \$25 per person for all inclusive meal and a fine variety of wines!

RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED Menu choices are:

Chicken Marsala or New York Strip Steak

Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten Free and Lactose Free Meals are also available.

SINCE THIS IS OUR CLUB'S MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME TO FUND FUTURE CONSERVATION PROJECTS ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DONATE ONE ITEM

Donate something new you already own or ask your local businesses or colleagues for donations. Donation forms are available on the website or from Kellie (kclmbr@msn.com 541-776-4094) or Mike (mmasters2243@charter.net 541-261-2243)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS EVENT AND BEGIN GATHERING YOUR ITEMS FOR DONATION. Items must be donated by April 25th—Contact Mike Masters for more information

Contact Kellie to make your reservation for this great night!

Annual Bear Creek Watershed Symposium

Our club has chosen to participate in this year's event to be held at Santo Center on Friday, May 23rd from 9AM to 1:30PM. We are planning to have about 10-12 fly tyers plus an equal number of casters to work with about 200 students. Last year we had 20 members of our club help out to make this a success. It would be great to have an even bigger turnout this year to provide breaks. Expert skills are not necessary, we can demo the tying process to our adult volunteers prior to the event. More ladies are welcome, the young girls like to see that females can do this too! A pizza lunch is provided. What more could a person want--good friends, lots of excited kids and a "free lunch"!! To the folks that helped out last year, thank you! Invite your fishing buddies and join us this May. Contact Ken (kenbonsi@gmail.com) if you're interested or have more questions.

North Umpqua Outing

On April 5, David Haight will lead an outing to the North Umpqua River to fish for its wild winter steelhead. The North Umpqua is famous among fly fishers for its summer steelhead fishery, but it is a great destination for winter steelhead too. It is a beautiful river, and its steelhead tend to be larger and more challenging than those on the Rogue.

We will meet at Swiftwater Park (just a little below Rock Creek and the lower boundary of the fly water) at 9:00 AM. After a brief discussion about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes in the lower half of the fly water. We will then spread out along the river to fish. At that time, I will be happy to help anyone looking for additional instruction about fishing the North Umpqua or about steelhead fishing in general.



During the winter season, Spey rods can be an asset on the North Umpqua, but single-handed rods of about 8-weight will also work. Sink-tip lines or shooting heads will help you get your flies down to the fish. A wide variety of flies will work--from the traditional steelhead patterns to large intruder-style flies. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, wading belt, and wading staff. If you have one, an inflatable PFD will add an extra level of safety. Be sure to pack your rain jacket, polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

Unfortunately, most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season. The Dogwood Motel (dogwoodmotel.com, 541-496-3403), located near the lower end of the fly water, is a decent place to stay at a reasonable price. The Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, if it fits your budget, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

David Haight, Outings Chair

YOUR DUES ARE DUE!!

In the FYI Column....Your club membership dues are now due....ASAP. For those of you who do need reminders we actually start collecting dues each December. It is our hope to put out a printed copy of a Full club Membership Directory this coming April. This takes time to put together and it really helps us get it done. You don't want to be placed in the "F Troup" category in April do you?

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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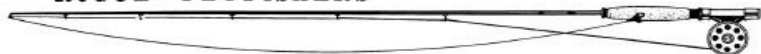
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Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) **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 _____ - _____

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 ___
Are you **retired?** Yes ___ No ___ **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes ___ No ___ **lake boat?** Yes ___ No ___

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