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John is the West Coast Sales Representative for Simms Fishing Products & Hatch Outdoors covering CA, AZ, NV and HI. John is also one of the most published fly fishing photographers who has had his work published in Fly Fisherman, Fly Fish Journal, Saltwater Fly Fishing, The Drake, Cal Fly Fisher, North West and South West Fly Fishing to name a few.

John lives on the banks of the Ca. Delta in Discovery Bay with his wife Natih, and daughter Kalum and son Kasix. John teamed up with Captain Mike Costello to produce the first and only Fly Fishing book dedicated to the California Delta, "Fly Fishing the CA Delta."

He will be presenting his slide show "Fly Fishing for Delta Stripers" which will visually take you through this amazing fishery. John's passion for Delta fishing began at the age of 18 in 1993 on his first trip to California Delta and it now has been his "home" water since 2002.

Committee Heads

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President's Message—March 2015

Today, as I write this message, I see a hundred daffodils in my front yard in full bloom—a month earlier than expected. The temperatures have already hit 70 degrees in our little valley and the small amount of snow we got in February has melted so that only the tips of a couple of mountains bear any proof that it was ever here.

Last year, the drought caused by a lack of snowfall and inadequate rain wreaked havoc on our beloved river, creeks, lakes, and plant-life. Bears and other animals who usually avoid humans gravitated towards civilization because they were hungry and thirsty. The blackberries and other food sources they usually forage on were scarce. I saw the berries along the bike path shrivel up before they ever ripened due to a lack of water. I was not surprised to see a bear in my yard, eating my blackberries and drinking water from my bird bath. Although other neighbors expressed worry over this “intrusion” I felt only sadness and empathy—he was so skinny! This year is looking to be much worse. I am already worried for our beloved fish and other creatures since all life depends on water. And of course, the inevitable fires that will have to be endured and fought.....

I don't have water to fill the lakes and wet the earth but I do have the power to save it and so do you. Before the various municipalities start implementing water restrictions, we can already be making do with less. The time to start conserving water is NOW! Just like every other “conservation” issue our club addresses we see results when we work together because there is power in numbers!

If EVERYONE does a few simple things, our water consumption will drop dramatically. I have been using the techniques listed below since LAST summer began (they are now a habit) and the proof is in the water bills!

When you take a shower, take what my Dad used to call a “Navy” shower. Turn off the water while you shampoo your hair and turn it on again to rinse. Turn it off while you wash yourself and turn it on again to rinse.

When you're brushing your teeth, turn the water off while doing so—don't leave it running down the drain.

If you're washing dishes, fill the sink with soapy water. Wash and stack all the soapy dishes. Rinse them with a “trickle” over a sink with a stopper in it. Your dishes will be clean and you have a sink full of water for the dishes from your next meal. If you use a dishwasher, don't run it until it's efficiently stacked as full as it can be. Use the “short wash” feature whenever possible. If you're waiting for hot water at the sink, run the water into a large pitcher until it you reach hot water. Use the water in the pitcher for drinking throughout the day, or for watering plants or as the “rinse” water for your dishes.

When we get into the hot weather, remember to water outside in the coolest hours of the day—Early AM or during the night. Your lawn only needs an inch of water (if you can't bear to let it go brown) so don't overwater it. Your shrubs and flowers will retain moisture better if covered with mulch. Don't hose off your driveways and walkways. A broom and dustpan will do the trick. Flowers in pots will stay moist longer if placed on a saucer and out of direct sun.

These simple water saving measures don't sound like a “big deal” but they can be.

It's going to be a traumatic summer for our beloved fish, fowl and all living things. I'm praying for the genius that figures out how to get all that snow from back East onto our mountains in the west!

In the meantime, “I'm Dreaming of a White ‘Easter’.....”

——Kellie Christensen

A note of thanks from your President.....

Thank you to all of you who offered your input and ideas at the February dinner meeting. I respect all of your opinions and appreciate you sharing your thoughts. Although we all have different perspectives, I am grateful to hear yours and glad to have the wisdom of your experience. We are a group of truly outstanding folks!

Notice of Changes Voted in by the Membership-February 18, 2015 Dinner Meeting

The membership was offered an opportunity for discussion of both the \$5 fee for non-dinner guests and the one-time “processing fee” for new members. Many members gave their opinions on these issues.

The membership voted overwhelmingly to APPROVE the \$5 admission fee for members not willing or able to order dinners. This \$5 fee is effective immediately and will be enforced at the door. Even with a “no” vote from members who were unhappy with the fee, but did not attend the February dinner meeting, the result would have been the same. It was a substantial majority for a “yes” vote.

If the \$5 fee is a hardship for any member, please contact your President or Vice President with the assurance of discretion and we will address the matter.

The membership also voted on the one-time processing fee for new members and it will no longer be charged. Any new member who paid the fee may contact the club treasurer and request a refund.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Past President Mike Masters shows us that steelhead can be found. Here is one of three he caught on a recent trip.

North Umpqua Outing

The North Umpqua is famous among fly fishers for its summer steelhead fishery, but it is also a great destination for winter steelhead. The river is beautiful, and its steelhead tend to be larger and more challenging than those on the Rogue. On April 4, I will lead an outing to the North Umpqua River where we will try to tempt some of its incredible steelhead into taking our flies.

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 discuss about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes along 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 equipped with Skagit heads can be an asset, but single-handed rods of about 8-weight will also work. Sink-tip lines or sinking heads will help get your flies down to the fish. A wide variety of flies can be used--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, a wading belt, and a wading staff. Wearing an inflatable PFD would offer 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.

Most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season; however, Horseshoe Bend and Boulder Flat Campgrounds, both on the upper half of the fly water, should be open. 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. For those with a bigger budget, the Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

One of the great things about living in Southwest Oregon is the diversity of angling opportunities we can enjoy relatively close to home. While we have excellent opportunities for winter steelhead right here in the Rogue River, the North Umpqua offers a different experience that can add a little variety to your winter steelhead season.

David Haight, Outings Chair

A Most Unusual Grip At The FFF Annual Fair

I avoid the subject of grip with new students unless they ask. There is so much to learn and master, my thought is we all hold the rod the way it feels most comfortable and there is no need to force my preference on a person decision. I use to recommend the most prevalent grip, thumb on top but casting at the FFF Conclave (Now called the fair). I noticed significant variations among some of the best casters in North America. The thumb up gives you the most power on the forward cast but because of the way the hand bones and connecting tissue are put together, it limits the power on the back cast. The Index finger on top results in a more powerful back cast. Remember the caster in the triple haul article, Chase Jablonski? He combines both grips! In his log cast he has a lot of line in the air and it takes considerable time to unroll. His thumb is on top on the forward cast and as soon as he stops the rod at the end of the forward cast and the forward cast is unrolling in the air he changes his grip and puts his Index finger on top. Once he completes the back cast and the line is unrolling in the air behind him, he changes his grip to thumb on top for the forward cast. He is the only caster I have ever seen doing this. Obviously Chase is no ordinary caster. On a good day he can aerialize (false cast back and forth in the air) an entire 100' line. That gives him the time to change grips. He has been at every FFF Fair I have been to and he and a host of other outstanding casters and teachers will be in Bend on August 11-15 for the annual event. Ck it out on line and take advantage of the outstanding casting and fly tying classes that will be offered. There are also free programs, venders, auctions, fishing trips and other events of interest to attend. It is being held in Bend to celebrate the formation of the FFF in Eugene 50 years ago.

Another fellow fly fisher has passed away.

Glenn C. McBride, 89, of Medford, Ore. passed away Thursday, January 29, 2015. He was born December 24, 1925 in Rocky Ford, Colo. to Boyd C. and Lura (Sims) McBride. When still very young his family moved to the Bay area of California where he grew up. Glenn graduated from John Swett High School in Crockett, Calif. He served honorably in the Merchant Marines and U.S. Army. Glenn worked for PGE as an equipment repair specialist in Rodeo, Calif.

After retiring in 1983 he moved to southern Oregon and enjoyed golf, camping, fishing, fly tying, woodworking and travel. In 1950 in Reno, Nev. he married Wilma Jean Baer. They later divorced but remained good friends. Glenn was a member of the Moose Lodge #2647 and Rogue Flyfishers. Glenn was a regular at our meetings. He always had a smile on his face and a friendly way about him. He will certainly be missed.

Survivors include his former wife, Wilma of Rodeo, Calif.; son, Douglas (Carol) McBride of Camino, Calif.; daughter, Linda Jean McBride of El Cerrito, Calif.; close personal friend, Dottie Snopl; and many good friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Darold McBride; sister, Maxine Dennis; his twin sister, Glennora Newman; and sister, Nora Vecchi.

How Muddy is too Muddy?

By Otis D. Swisher

For years I have felt that the best dry fly fishing on the upper Rogue River takes place during the winter months...about December through early March. It's the time of year when one can expect a consistent insect hatch to come off daily between 11:00 and 2:00.

December through January is often the Blue Winged Olive time. Late January through March is the March Brown time.

The outflows from Lost Creek Dam are inconsistent; depending on the rains, the releases can vary from 700 cfs to as much as 6,000 cfs within any two week period. When steady rains put the release in the higher range, the Holy Water and the entire flow may turn a yellow mud. But, oftentimes, the river from the Dam to Casey Park may be quite clear. And sometimes the mix of outflow of the water from Big Butte Creek to Casey is 1/2 the river clear, and 1/2 muddy.

When Ashland received 4-inches of rain and Medford nearly 3-inches in a 4 day period this winter of 2015, the river was the half and half as I mentioned. The Big Butte Creek outflow was quite muddy.

I fished by boat with Vince Zauskey and the boatman, Paul Rickerson from the Hatchery to Casey. Near the deadline at the side-channel the outflow was clear. We had feeding rises by good sized trout. But, no response to our presentations; and, our usual hatch at Chief Hole and Old Bridge Hole was non-existent. This was good clear water, so we figured there would not be any fishing in the muddy water out of Big Butte Creek when we arrived at Casey.

How wrong we were. In the eddy opposite the boat ramp, we anchored near the far shore. This put the prow of the boat facing upstream giving us good drifts along the rock façade. The flies were carried upstream to the point of the rock where the eddy's flow met the main river's flow in rather heavy water.

A feeding rise was noted in that heavy/muddy water, a Stimulator was drifted to the ring of the rise and a marvelous 16-inch Cutthroat came out of the muddy water, was solidly hooked, and eventually brought to the measuring net and landed. On a 3-weight rod that's a very nice fish. I feel it's equal to an 18-to-20 inch fish on a 7- or 8-weight rod.

This experience re-enforced my feeling that no matter how muddy the water may be, if a fish shows itself, it can be caught on a dry fly fished to its rise spot.

The RFF Blog

As most members already know the blog is replacing the bulk email program we were previously using. There are several advantages to the change. The blog can be bookmarked for quick reference and can be accessed from any connected device. If a posting has an error, it can be corrected without having to send additional corrected emails. The new postings can be delivered direct into your email. To get the emails just sign yourself up on the right hand side of the blog. After you sign up you will receive a verification by email. When you receive the verification, be sure to click the link that activates the automatic emails. If you change your email, just sign yourself up again.
rogueflyfishers.blogspot.com.

Welcome New Members

Charlie Costner
Ronald Fox
Jef Schlecht
Rick Scriba

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MAY AUCTION

RFF needs You

So far the Auction Committee consists of just Kellie and myself. We need volunteers to help procure auction items, we are asking that members donate an item or items in almost or new condition. We also need volunteers to help with organizing items and setting the auction up on May 16th and also clean up detail afterwards.

Remember that our proceeds go towards our Conservation Fund.

You may contact either Kellie or myself.

Mike Masters

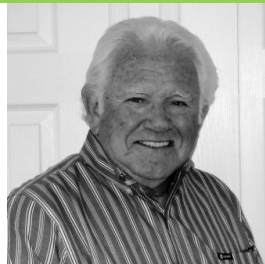
Menu for March 18, 2015 RFF Dinner Meeting

Rosemary Leg of Lamb with Demi-Glace	Tossed Green Salad with Dressing
Blue Cheese and Bacon Scalloped Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Rolls and Butter	Chocolate Ganache Cake
	Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian Entree

Portabella Mushroom Ravioli

If you wish to order a Vegetarian, Gluten Free or Lactose Free Meal, please contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094 by Monday, March 16th if possible.



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Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He is an MBA graduate from Southern Oregon University. Adam can be found on local waters during most weekends as he enjoys introducing others in the area to this sport. He teaches fly fishing for the city of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.

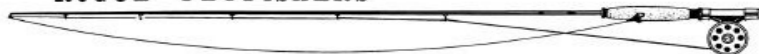


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