



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

Jason Atkinson



Jason Atkinson is a filmmaker, an author, and a public servant. After 14 years in the Oregon Legislature he took a sabbatical to make the film "A River Between Us."

He is a Rodel Fellow with the Aspen Institute, a commentator and speaker on a wide range of issues, and consults in the corporate sector as well as serves on various boards. His work has been featured in the New York Times, Men's Journal, Field and Stream to name a few.

Please join us in welcoming Jason Atkinson.

President's Message

Members,

As I stated in my blog of three weeks ago, I am pleased to once again be involved in a leadership role of the Rogue Flyfishers. With an outstanding Board of Directors and committee chair people, an excellent list of planned outings, activities and guest speakers to enhance our knowledge of fly fishing, an opportunity to enhance habitat through conservation activities, and solid financial base, I see a continued bright future for the Rogue Flyfishers. I am excited to be a part of it.

As the newest president, I presided over my first general meeting two weeks ago. At that meeting, attended by approximately 50 members, I took the opportunity to deliver what one might call a "state of the club" message. In that message, I talked about basically three things: what the club has meant to me personally, a history of our conservation activities both past and present, and membership issues. I would like to summarize each of those topics in my first message for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

On the personal side, I joined the club in 1977 after being invited to attend a meeting by Dennis Dedrick who was then president and who remains a best friend and fishing/hunting partner. Within a very short period of time, the 3rd Wednesday of every month became my night and, unless work or critical families activities interfered, I would not miss a meeting. In those years of work and raising a family when asked if I was fishing much, the answer was usually "am collecting equipment and knowledge". And, I gained lots of knowledge through the outstanding speakers who presented at our meeting. There were two speakers who were very influential and I remember their presentations today like they were yesterday. The first was Denny Rickards who showed up with his new book, his fly rod and a set of flies. His topic was catching trout in still water (lakes). While I had fished lakes for years, I would have success only occasionally. Denny talked about lines, retrieves, flies and from that time on, by putting the information he shared into practice, my fishing success greatly improved. The other speaker was Brian O'Keefe and his topic was salt water fly fishing. Within a year of his presentation, I had my first salt water fly fishing experience and I am "hooked". With so many species and locations to fish in salt water, I would encourage anyone to give it a try.

As for the conservation efforts of the club, I tried to give a brief overview of where we came from and where we are headed. When the club was formed in 1971, there were few organizations involved in "on the ground" activities to restore and enhance riparian zones, fish passage or to advocate for better environmental conditions. In those early years, ODFW had a large list of projects which needed much more manpower and money than they could provide to get them done. It was of period of "heavy lifting" with the repair or rebuilding of fish ladders at various dams around the valley and the creating of jump pools for fish to access more river or stream miles to spawn. There were also less strenuous activities of vegetation planting, stream monitoring, etc. In the mid 90's, two things caused a change in way the club was involved in conservation issues. Those two things were: 1. a change in the philosophy of how to enhance stream environments and 2. the development of Watershed Councils.

As to the first, the enhancement of streams, the direction changed totally. No longer was there an effort to improve dams on streams, but the effort centered on removing them totally. Those projects require lots of technical planning, permits, equipment, and money which is simply not possible through a club like ours. The same held true for creating jump pools by blasting or by adding cement to streams. The new philosophy involved allowing Mother Nature to heal streams with a little help. That help included adding tree root wads, boulders, strategically placed logs and gravel to streams and then allowing natural forces to create the pools, the holding places and other items needed for a healthy stream. All those activities required heavy equipment, heavy materials and professional equipment operators to accomplish the task. With the liability issues involved, there was no place for the manpower we were willing to provide.

The development of Watershed Councils also has an effect on our conservation efforts. Because each council focuses on the stream(s) in one watershed and includes members who own property along the stream, they are in an advantageous position to identify the projects they want done and they have the ability to receive grants to get the work done.

Since the late 1990's, our conservation efforts have included riparian zone planting efforts in partnership with various Watershed Councils, placing salmon carcasses in streams to provide nutrients, stream monitoring, and helping ODFW and Watershed Councils in any manners they request.

I see this trend continuing and don't believe that we will ever be involved in major projects as we once were.

I do see the club still being a force for environmental improvement for fish in two ways. We have a history and strong name recognition connected with environmental issues and we can use that collectively and individually to advocate for issues we believe are in keeping with our mission. We also have the ability raise money and donate money to organizations and projects that enhance that mission.

The final issue dealt with club membership. I don't believe it is any secret that we are an "aging" club with a declining membership. In an age when younger people are less inclined to join organizations of any kind, I believe we must actively recruit and keep new members. New members tend to bring fresh ideas, energy and vitality with them and we need those attributes to remain relevant. Recruiting is up to each of us and I would encourage every member to invite someone they know or meet to a meeting during the coming year. If you know a person who is a past member but has dropped out, invite them back. The Rogue Flyfishers have a lot to offer its members and we need to get the message out.

If you have suggestions, questions, ideas, or concerns, I invite you call me or any board member to share them. And, remember that any member of the club is always welcome to attend board meetings.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting on March 16th at our new location, The Point Bar and Grill in downtown Central Point.

In the meantime, go fishing!

Jack Patterson

2016 NW Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Expo by Garren Wood

The Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is an annual event put on by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00am. This is an event you will want to put on the calendar now.

The main attraction is over 200 demonstration tyers that rotate every 2 ½ hours over the two days. There are 70 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch the tyer. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables and find an open seat. Even if you are not interested in a specific type of fly, a lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate different techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so it is a great opportunity to learn in a classroom environment. There are some casting classes that are 1 on 1, which provide excellent opportunities to work on specific casting problems. There are casting classes that cover both single and double handed casting. The fly fishing classes will help prepare you to go to a specific location.

You can signup for classes on the Expo website <http://nwexpo.com>, starting in January 2016. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year. Over 50 exhibitors attend the expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats.

http://nwexpo.com/friday_classes.php

http://nwexpo.com/saturday_classes.php

The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in one place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that are one of a kind and make special gifts. Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items. During the banquet two college students that are majoring in fishery management are awarded scholarships. The students give a short talk on what they are studying and it provides a look-in to the research that is being done on fisherman's behalf.

The Expo is put on by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the Expo in 2016!

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

There will be a change in location where the club will hold its regular monthly dinner meetings beginning in March. The new meeting place will be held at

The Point Pub & Grill
311 E. Pine St.
Central Point, OR

(located in downtown Central Point on the corner of 3rd and Pine St)



An Introduction To The Art, Science and Joy of Fly Fishing

In this one day class for beginners and novices, you will learn everything you need to get started fishing the Rogue for steel head and trout. The class will cover wadding equipment, rods, reels, lines, leaders and flies. Basic knots will be taught and there will be a section on entomology, aquatic insects, and the flies that imitate them. The final lesson will be on presenting the fly and casting. If you have a rod, reel and line, bring it but do not go out and buy one for the class. We will cover what rod to buy. The club has rods for the class, let me know if you need one. Each year in late May and early June a large stone fly hatch occurs in the upper Rogue River above Shady Cove. The class will cover how to fish this hatch. This class is for current members of the Rogue Fly Fishers. There will be an optional \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto.

The class will be held on April 23rd from 9 to 3:30 at the club house for the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill. Traveling North on I-5 take Exit 40 at Gold Hill and proceed South on the Old Stage Road towards Jacksonville, the park is well identified on the right, a long mile from I-5.

John MacDiarmid an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor is the class instructor. Email him at jmacd@jeffnet.org or call 541-840-0183 to register for the class. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be preregistered to attend. Last year we had a follow up fish on the fly only Holy Water section of the Rogue in late May and we will try to do this again this year.

Handling Fly Lines

John MacDiarmid

Reading the title of this article you probably thought it was a casting discussion on how to manage the line with the line hand during the cast. Not so. The topic is how I switch lines on and off the same reel and how I store them when not in use. If you do a lot of different kind of fishing this becomes a big deal. With Spey we switch between Skagit and Scandi and floating and sinking. Sometimes a big expensive reel has to be used on different rods which necessitates a line switch. A good example is when you switch from the summer spey rod to the heavier winter spey rod. With single hand you may switch lines for saltwater trips from trout fishing. Or you take off a floating line and put on a sinker to use with the same rod. Do you use a reel winder or lay the line out on the floor, circling the furniture, for these changes? I have two manual winding tools and I use them both: a Reel Goods Fly Winder and a Tibor Line Master. And how do you store the lines when not in use? I will demonstrate the use of these tools and the storage methods I use during the social hour before the March meeting; I am interested in hearing how you do it.



21th Annual
Bear Creek Watershed Symposium



Friday May 27th, 2016
Santo Community Center
701 N. Columbus Ave. Medford, OR
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

HANDS-ON TABLE DISPLAYS NEEDED!!!

The Symposium brings together students, educators, organizations and natural resource agencies to share their experiences. We invite table displays with hands-on watershed or natural science activities from all agencies and organizations in the Bear Creek and adjacent watersheds.

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AND CLOSSES PROMPTLY AT 6:00 PM**

**DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6:10 PM
THE STEELHEAD PADDLE RAFFLE BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

LIVE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 7:10 PM AND CONCLUDE BY 8:45

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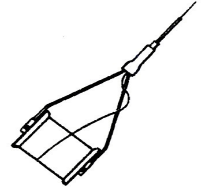
1. “Slammin’ Salmon” – Blackened Salmon Filet w/ Lobster Cream , Jasmine Rice & Vegetables
2. Top Sirloin Steak w/ Peppercorn Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, & Mixed Vegetables
3. Panko Crusted Chicken Parmesan w/house made Marinara, & Linguine Alfredo

Anyone with dietary issues can contact Mike Masters and accommodations can be made with The Point
Mmasters2243@charter.net

On The Fly

March 2016

"Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"



PATTERN OF THE MONTH Woolly Bugger

We have all tied wooly buggers - they may be the most successful wet fly of all time! But I always had difficulty getting a pleasing outcome, as my hackles were inconsistent and often pointed forward. They might have fished as well but I didn't like them. Then I stumbled on to the following way to eliminate that problem and get a more durable fly in the process; that is by tying the hackle on by the bead rather than the tail and securing it with fine copper wire.

Hook: TMC 5263, sizes 4-10 (or almost any streamer hook)
Thread: Black 6/0
Weight: 12 to 15 wraps of .020 lead wire
Tail: Black Marabou (4 strands of Black or Red Krystal Flash is optional but good)
Rib: Copper Wire - small
Body: Black Chenille (or Black with red flash)
Hackle: Black Saddle hackle



1. Pinch the hook barb down and slide the bead onto the hook, small hole first.
2. Wrap the wire around the hook shank and slide it forward into the cavity of the bead. The up-front weight gives the fly a tendency to undulate as it is stripped. Build a thread dam behind the wire and wrap back to the bend.
3. Cut a clump of barbs off the side of a marabou feather. You want barbs with feathery tips, not straight tips. Hold them straight out while cutting to keep them uniform in length. I usually dip them in water as marabou is otherwise hard to handle. Add the Krystal Flash and tie the clump on right behind the wire to extend about shank length behind the hook bend. Wrap the thread over the marabou back to the bend and let it hang. Snip the excess marabou off near the wire.
4. Tie in about 4" of copper wire at the bend. Now strip the fuzz off a 4" piece of chenille and tie it in at the bend. Take the thread up almost to the bead.
5. Wrap the chenille up to the thread and tie it down, leaving a little space to tie in the hackle and wire.
6. Select a hackle with barbs 2 to 2½ times the hook gape. Holding the shiny, convex side up, strip off about ¼" of barbs off the right side. This is the side that wire wrap against the hook shank when the feather is tied with the shiny side forward. Tie it down securely with 3 or 4 wraps of thread. Using your hackle pliers, make about 4 spiral wraps back to the bend and one extra wrap. Keeping tension on the hackle, tie it down with 2 wraps of the copper wire and then spiral the wire up to the bead. Wiggle the wire through the feather barbs as you go to avoid disturbing too many of the barbs.
7. Tie down the wire and whip finish. Use head cement if you wish.

You will end up with a nice looking fly having hackle that slants back toward the bend and which is counter-wrapped with wire for better durability! The chenille, the hackle and the wire are all wrapped in the same direction, each one over the previous. You never have to reverse wrapping the direction.

If you don't have copper wire at hand, tie in a piece of strong thread at the bend of the same color as the chenille.

This recipe is for a black wooly bugger but you can tie them using other combinations and colors, brown and olive being the two most common

Winter Steelhead Outings

Our next two outings highlight the diverse options we have in Southwest Oregon to fish for winter steelhead. We will fish the Applegate River on March 19 and the North Umpqua River on April 2 & 3. The Applegate is a small river with water that is easy to read and fish. It is well suited to nymphing tactics, and when conditions are right, fishing can be outstanding. The North Umpqua is a much larger river. It has a strong tradition for swinging the fly, and is a great place to use a Spey rod. It is among the most beautiful rivers in our area, but with its clear water, deep pools, and heavy runs; it can be a challenging place to catch a steelhead.

Applegate Outing

We will start the Applegate Outing by meeting for breakfast at 8:00 AM on March 19 at the Shari's Restaurant in Grants Pass on the corner of Agness Avenue and the Grants Pass Parkway. If you don't want to eat, be there by 9:00 AM. We will caravan to the river from there.

Bring your fishing gear, waders, rain jacket, polarized glasses, lunch, and water. Single-handed, switch, and smaller Spey rods in the 7 to 8-weight range are suitable for the Applegate. Pack your floating and sink-tip lines, and bring a variety of nymphs and standard steelhead patterns. As I said above, the Applegate River is very well suited to nymphing techniques. An effective setup is to use a large, heavy nymph, such as a salmonfly nymph, with a size 10 A. P. nymph, hare's ear, pheasant tail, or similar fly on a dropper. For those that want to swing flies, there are certainly places you can do that. Traditional steelhead patterns, egg sucking leeches, and smaller intruder-style flies work well for swinging. Many people feel having a little chartreuse on the fly helps when fishing the Applegate no matter which technique you choose.

Because it is so productive, I will spend some time during the outing discussing proper nymphing techniques, as well as going over when, where, and how to fish the Applegate River.

North Umpqua Outing

For the outing to the North Umpqua, we will meet at Swiftwater Park (just a little below Rock Creek and the lower boundary of the fly water) at 9:00 AM on Saturday April 2. 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.

Most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season; however, Boulder Flat and Horseshoe Bend campgrounds usually stay open for the winter. 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

DUES REMINDER!

For those of you who have not yet paid your 2016 Membership dues, they are past due.
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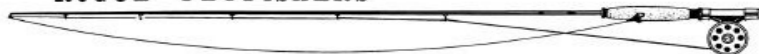
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Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

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Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes __ No __ **Are you retired?** Yes __ No __

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