

MARCH 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

Meetings are on hold for now

Try our outings:
Check the Club Calendar for more
information

Smith River March 4-6

Sacramento River April 9th

Crane Prairie June 17-19



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President's Message

from David Haight

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, and is getting the opportunity to go out fishing. With the cold, dry weather, fishing conditions have been less than ideal; however, the forecast is calling for rain and an increase in stream flows for the first part of March. Hopefully, this will get the fish moving and improve our odds.

Unfortunately, with the ongoing concerns about the Coronavirus and issues related to our venue, we will not be able to resume our meetings at Centennial for the next several months. We are also postponing our auction from May 14 to October 8. We will instead have a picnic on May 14 at Tou Velle State Park, which should be a lot of fun. We anticipate being able to return to our normal meeting schedule in September, after our usual summer break.

Since we won't be able to hold our fly-tying meeting and many of our expert tyers will be tying at their meeting, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers are inviting us to attend their fly-tying meeting on Thursday April 21. Look for information in our April newsletter. We are also in communication with members of the Washington Steelhead Flyfishers about exchanging Zoom presentations between our two clubs. If there is sufficient interest, a few of our members would give presentations about salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities in our area, and a few of their members would do the same for opportunities in their area. If anyone would be willing to give one of these Zoom presentations, please let me know.

Even though we had to cancel our dinner meetings for the next several months, we still have a full schedule of outings planned for this year. The next one will be to fish for winter steelhead on the Smith River from March 4 – 6. If we get the rain as forecast, conditions should be good.

The Program Director for Boy Scout Camp McLaughlin, at Lake of the Woods, is looking for volunteer instructors to teach fly fishing and help the Scouts earn their Fly-Fishing Merit badge. The camp will run for three weeks, from July 10 – 30, and they need three or more volunteers on two days each week. They also requested volunteers from other area clubs and are hoping each club can provide the instructors for one week. If you are willing to help out, please let me know.

As I stated last month, Steve Star is stepping down from his role as our Treasurer. We are still looking for someone to take on that position. Having someone to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer is crucial to the functioning of our club! Please contact me or any other board member if you are willing to serve as Treasurer.

I'm sorry I won't be seeing you for a dinner meeting this month, but I do hope that many of you will take advantage of the outings and other activities we can offer.





Umpqua Valley Fly Tying/Casting Festival 2022

March 19th, Winston Community center, 9:00 to 5:00

Let's all get together and support this Veterans focused festival to start 2022! Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers in conjunction with the newly formed *Fly Fishing Veterans* division of our club, are sponsoring this one day event to benefit our veterans in their yearly activities, classes and outings. A great opportunity tiers/rod builders and fly fishers in general to demonstrate their craft and enjoy the camaraderie with other fly tiers and fishing communities.

Tying sessions 9:00 - 11:00 , 11:00 - 1:00, LUNCH 2:00 - 4:00
tiers may sign up for one to there sessions

ALL FLY TIERS please REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 28, 2022
email: doug.myers.flyfishingveterans@gmail.com

We want to say thank you to the tiers coming to support this important cause by tying for a session or more on **March 19th, 2022**. We are anticipating a large group of people tying and spectating! With lunch and refreshments being provided for all the tiers.

- ♦ Tiers will be donating their flies to the *Fly Fishing Veterans* for their outings and for future fund raising activities. For more information about their mission go to www.flyfishingveterans.org
- ♦ Rod building demonstrations by the veterans and their volunteers
- ♦ Casting sessions will be ongoing during the day weather permitting some outdoor time.
- ♦ A raffle selection of some nice equipment will be available for everyone including spectators/tiers/visitors.

This fun filled event will be held at the **Winston Community Center** 440 SE Grape Ave, Winston, OR 97496. Invitations for this event will be coming out this month. We would love to see a lot of people there to tie/learn/watch. Please put **March 19th, 2022**, on your calendar!

Fly Fishing Veterans & Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers are dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of our Military Veterans, First Responders and Healthcare personnel throughout our Umpqua region, through the various elements within the sport of fly fishing and outings. Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers/Fly Fishing Veterans is a non-profit entity recognized by IRS [501(c)(3)] under the tax ID number 20-1810112.

If your unable to attend and would like to support our *Fly Fishing Veterans* and their mission "Serving All Who Served" use the donations link below. 100-percent of your donation goes to support our veterans.

[Donate To Fly Fishing Veterans](http://www.flyfishingveterans.org)

Contact Info: Doug Myers, 1-909-938-8627, flyfisherr76@gmail.com



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SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

April 9, 2022



Come join us for an opportunity to hook large wild Sacramento River Rainbows. The Sacramento is “an emerald green fountain, the lifeblood of Northern California”. It is also the best trout stream fishery on the West Coast and a three hour drive down Interstate 5 from Medford.

There is limited bank access and best fishing is from a boat. For those who don't have a boat to float the river (or prefer fishing to rowing), we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Kyncey Guide Service of Redding <https://kynceyguideservice.com>.

The cost of the guided trip is \$475 per boat or **\$237.50 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and flies as well as lunch provided by the guides. **This is a special discounted rate the club has received** Other California fly fishing guides charge up to \$350 per angler. **ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT** **The deadline for booking a guided trip on the Sacramento has been extended to MARCH 9** If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com.

Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2022



Come join us for our big summer outing of the year. Crane Prairie Reservoir will again be our destination in June. The Official Base Camp for this Outing will be Rock Creek Campground, Space 10. Your Hosts will be there from Sunday, June 12th through Sunday, June 19th. Please feel free to come by anytime, for any reason.

Rock Creek Campground is located at the southwest corner of the lake and reservations are currently being accepted through www.recreation.gov. Quinn River and Cultus Lake campgrounds are also very close. If you are planning on attending, I would recommend making reservations soon as this area fills up quickly.

Come on out, fish, fellowship and enjoy. For more information contact Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or (661) 742-5835.

2022 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, please pay your membership dues for 2022. Although the club has not been strict about the payment of dues due to the suspension of club meetings over the last two years, the club continues to incur expenses. It would be very helpful to the club if those of you who have not yet renewed would do so as soon as possible. In order to be listed in the club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2022. Our new club directory will be available the end of April, 2022.

To renew your membership, go to rogueflyfishers.org and look to the right, under Electronic Membership application or renewal, and click on pay with PayPal. Complete the form and then press Submit to continue to payment. Or, if you prefer, please print and fill out the form on the back page of this newsletter and US mail the form and a check to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501. If you have any questions please contact the RFF Membership Chairman, Don Dabney. Email address: drdabney49@gmail.com. We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.

AUCTION NEWS

It's back! The 2022 Auction and Dinner will now be held on October 8, 2022, so save that date! We'll also be changing the venue, returning to the Padgham Pavilion at the Jackson County Expo.

With no fundraiser since the auction in 2019, this event is critical so we can continue to support the environmental and educational programs that we've supported in the past. Like that the Jordan Cove pipeline won't be built? We contributed money and wrote letters of support to help bring that about. Like that the City of Medford is finally being forced to upgrade wastewater discharge into the Rogue River? Again, our money and support went into that. If we don't have a successful auction and fundraiser this year, we may not be able to continue providing funds to similar issues that will arise in the future.

So, make plans now to attend and bring your friends. Tickets will go on sale August 1st. Watch the newsletter and email blog for additional information.

Tim Bolling

Ryan Battleson from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sent the following request for paid helpers and volunteers:

Hey, All
Looking again for any volunteers or folks that may actually be interested in getting paid to help Cole Rivers Hatchery out. Currently, there are some seasonal workers helping to grade our runts and precocial males for this year's upcoming winter and summer Steelhead smolt releases. I received a call from David Pease today asking if I knew of anybody willing to volunteer or even sign up to get paid.

Some of these fish will be used in our upcoming winter Steelhead smolt acclimation projects in and around Grants Pass this spring.

The grading for runts and precocial males is part of standard practice in anadromous fish propagation and helps ensure that we are releasing the best quality of smolts that are more likely to directly outmigrate to sea and limit their interactions with wild fish.

There won't be much of any clipping (unless you come across a fish with a bad mark), but you'll be working/volunteering inside a trailer to sort through fish. Their goal was originally 4 raceways per week, but it is much slower right now because they only have a few contract workers and Hatchery staff are taking care of the other programs.

If you are interested in getting paid, contact Susie (Below). If you are interested in putting together a small volunteer posse, or just want to head up, contact myself or David Pease at Cole Rivers Hatchery. Dave could use people any time next week, and possibly into the second week in March.

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Cole Rivers Hatchery phone (ask for Dave) or reply to myself and Dave:
541-878-2235
david.a.pease@odfw.oregon.gov

Thanks,
Ryan

The outing!

By Mark Dewey

I want to give a huge contribution to "David Haight" for this month's outing in Brookings! Dave is a wealth of knowledge. I for one did not know he is a retired biologist in the state of Oregon and retired from ODFW. Dave headed up the Chetco river outing January 29th and 30th. My wife and I booked a spot at the Harris Beach state park and arrived Friday evening. We all met at the Harris Beach State Recreation Area at 9AM. Dave handed out maps of the Chetco River and the Lower Rogue. He had been in Brookings since Thursday and had already scouted the water out! He said "the water is so clear and low we would have a better chance at the lower Rogue River". He explained in detail what he had discovered over the past few days and off we went to the first spot on the south side of the Rogue on the map, Plywood mill. We all piled out of our vehicles and Dave explained how the trails work, where to drive and where to fish in the area. We all piled back in and off to the second spot. From there we kept moving up river spot to spot. When we all pulled into Orchard Bar we rolled in and pulled up to the bank with all 7 vehicles. There were a few trucks with about 3-4 people fishing on the bank " PLUNKERS " with bells and lawn chairs! The look on their faces as the dust settled and about 12 of us walking to the bank! It was like a raid on their fishing spot. I am sure when we all jumped back in and took off they were relieved and probably unloaded the chamber! Once we made it to our final destination (Lobster Creek) the group split up and took off fishing wherever they planned to go. I went back to a spot Dave showed us and worked the bank for about 3 hours. Dave and his wife invited everyone to meet at a good Mexican restaurant where we all met and told fishing stories! It was such a great experience and a super fun time.

If you have time to go on the outings I highly recommend going. It is educational and great comradery!

Outing to the Smith River to Target Big Winter Steelhead

The Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will have a joint outing to the Smith River in northern California from Friday March 4 to Sunday the 6th to fish for winter steelhead. The Smith is not the easiest place to fly fish, but is known for producing some very large winter steelhead. It is also a beautiful place to fish with its clear, blue water and spectacular scenery.

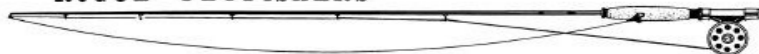
From its upper angling deadline at Patrick Creek down to its confluence with the South Fork, the Middle Fork of the Smith River flows through a rugged canyon. The water is generally pretty fast, but there are scattered pools that offer good holding water for steelhead. Access to the river often involves scrambling down steep banks. Below the forks, the mainstem of the Smith River is a board alluvial river with classic steelhead water. The river flows through coastal redwood forests and access to the river is generally pretty easy. The Smith River, typical of the streams that drain the Siskiyou Mountains, rises quickly when it rains, then drops quickly. It rarely gets very turbid.

The Smith has good water for drifting nymph or eggs patterns, especially in the canyon. The lower river, however, is well suited to swinging flies with Spey rods. For swinging, an eight-weight Spey rod with a Skagit head and a variety of sink tips would be ideal. A single-handed eight-weight rod would also work. Bring a variety of intruder-style flies, from bright to somber. Remember that barbless hooks are required. Be sure to bring waders and raingear. You will need a California fishing license and a steelhead tag. These can be purchased at the Black Bird in Medford or various places in California.

Your host, David Haight, will be camping at the US Forest Service campground at Panther Flat above Gasquet. The campground will accommodate moderate sized RVs. It does not take reservations, but typically has plenty of sites available. For those that don't want to camp, there are some accommodations along the river and plenty of motels in Crescent City.

We will meet each morning at 9:00 in the day-use area near the river below the campground. From there we will head out to various points along the river. If you plan to go, send an email to David Haight at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net, so he can let you know if there are any last-minute changes in the plans.

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Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	541-732-3700

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

Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

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.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

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