

MARCH 2023

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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MEETING

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday March 15th
at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet Fly 5:45 to 6:45
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Program 7:45 – 8:45
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25 per person

Menu

Chicken Piccata, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (March 10th)
preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com
(give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call
(661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at
icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742-5835

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President's Message from David Haight



This year is off to a good start for the Rogue Flyfishers. All of our Director and Chair positions are filled, we have money in the bank to support the club's functions and to resume our usual donations to our partner organizations doing educational and conservation work, we had some fun outings, we had a couple of good meetings with interesting programs, and so far, we have had the attendance needed to keep things going. With the programs, outings, picnic, classes and other events we have scheduled for the rest of this year, it should continue to be a great year for the Rogue Flyfishers!

It does take a lot of work to keep the club running smoothly, and fortunately, we have a number of people who do a lot of great work for the club. Tim Bolling was awarded the Outstanding Club Member of the Year for 2022 at our February meeting for all the work he did to put on the very successful auction we had last October, as well as for the numerous other contributions he has made to the club. Congratulations and thank you to Tim! The award was well deserved! Tim, of course, did not do all the work for the auction by himself. He had the help of many other people, whose work was also critical to the success of the auction. Thank you to Tammy Dedrick for taking over the role of Auction Chair to ensure this success continues.

There are also many people involved in making sure the monthly dinner meetings run smoothly and are enjoyable: Steve Day obtains the speakers, takes the dinner reservations, and coordinates with Centennial. Kirk Kowalke manages the raffle. Dave Roberts does fly-tying demonstrations. Tim Bolling, Don Dabney, and others

work the front table--greeting guests, collecting dinner payments, accepting membership dues, and selling club merchandise.

Steve Ostrander has been publishing our newsletter as long as I can remember, and has been managing our website since the Rogue Flyfishers entered the computer age. As Outings Chair, Jerry Haynes put together a fun and diverse schedule of outings, and is assisted by several of the talented anglers in the club who lead outings. Don Dabney, our Membership Chair, keeps our membership records, collects dues, and promotes the club to attract new members. There are people who organize and assist with the picnic, the fly-tying meeting, the habitat and conservation projects, and classes the club puts on. The members who serve on the Board of Directors and manage the general affairs of the club, award grants, manage the finances, pay the bills, keep the records, and do whatever else it takes to keep the club functioning. There are also many others who volunteer their time and talents to the club in a variety of ways.

Thank you to all the people who offer their service to the club. Without all of you, the Rogue Flyfishers could not continue to exist.

Tim Bolling Selected as the Rogue Flyfishers' Outstanding Club Member of the Year for 2022

Tim Bolling was presented with the Rogue Flyfishers' award for Outstanding Club Member of the Year for 2022 at last month's meeting. With this award, the club recognized Tim's numerous contributions to the Rogue Flyfishers and its mission during 2022 and for many years prior to that.

In 2018, Tim served as the Membership Chair. Then in 2019, he joined the Board of Directors and took over as Auction Chair. Tim led a team that put on a very successful auction in May 2019. He led the effort to put on another auction in May 2020, which had to be postponed due to COVID. He worked to reschedule the auction several times, but was forced to keep postponing due to the continuing pandemic. During this period, Tim put on an online auction in 2020 and organized a fund-raising event for the club's 2022 picnic. He was ultimately able to oversee a second successful auction in October 2022. The time and effort it took to put on the auctions and other fund-raising events was immense, and without Tim's efforts, the club would not be in such good financial condition.

In addition to his work with the auctions and fund-raising, Tim has been a dedicated member of the Board of Directors, who has always been willing to help wherever he could. After stepping down as Auction Chair, Tim took over the job of club Treasurer—another significant contribution to the club. With the considerable amount of his time and talents Tim has donated to the Rogue Flyfishers, he is well deserving of this honor..

Meeting Program

GARY LEWIS

Umpqua River Shad & Smallmouth Bass



Gary Lewis is an award-winning author, TV host, speaker and photographer. He has hunted and fished in eight countries on three continents and in the islands of the South Pacific. Born and raised in the Northwest, he has been walking forest trails and running rivers for as long as he can remember. He is a past president of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association and a recipient of NOWA's Enos Bradner and Legacy awards. Lewis has penned over 4,000 newspaper and magazine articles. His credits include *Sports Afield*, *Outdoor Life*, *Field & Stream*, *Fly-fishing and Tying Journal*, *Rifle*, *Gun Digest*, *African Hunting Gazette*, *Covey Rise* and *Game & Fish*. Lewis is host of **Frontier Unlimited**, an international television show. He is the author of 17 books, including *FISHING Central Oregon*, *John Nosler Going Ballistic* and *Fishing Mount Hood Country*.

Lewis lives in Central Oregon.
With his wife of 36 years,

RFF Outings

It was still dark as I headed out for the coast steelhead outing hosted by Dave Haight. I have always liked driving the early morning hours before sunrise, very little traffic and that alpenglow that comes to the hills and valleys as the sun begins to welcome a new day. I timed my departure so I could make a few casts at the pull off on the Winchuck River. It was a beautiful scene at the mouth of the river as the sun just began to wipe away fog and the morning shadows. As the tide was about an hour past high I was hoping a few fish had entered and would take my swung fly. I was surprised and delighted to see a very good turnout of both RFF and SOFF members. Some had been there and fished the rogue and sixes river the past few days. A few half pounders and some cutthroats were spoken of being caught. We headed up river and David made sure we stopped at many pullouts where we could return to later. The bar at Social Security and Loeb state park were active with many gear fishers and we moved on upriver where the fly fishing water is less crowded. I liked the looks of Redwood bar and decided to wet a line. A nice run begins at the upper end and I waded in and began by swinging a dark intruder on a slow sink line. After every pass through the run, I would go a little heavier on my tip till I was down to a t-14 and switched intruders. My hopes of a hit were wearing down but at this point it was about casting different weight tips and flies. Talked to two guide boats who said they had caught one or two above there and with the low clear water the consensus was the fish had moved through weeks before when the river bumped up. After visiting with some club members I decided to drop back down to Loeb in hopes that the spin gear people had called it and I could get in a few casts. Turns out only one other gear fisher was at the upper end and I dropped in above him. It is nice to watch a gear caster lob a lure across the river to just within a couple feet of the other side. It wasn't long we were sharing the same run and I was dropping my intruder nearly as far. Again only casting practice for the both of us. That night we all met up at Panchos for a very good meal and conversation. The next day the group was meeting up and going to the Rogue to fish, I decided to head back and fish the Smith river at some spots that were shown to me at last year's outing, by David H. And Jerry Haynes. Again the Smith was running low and clear. After stopping off at several pulloffs and doing some casting practice I was about ready to call it when a nice steely porpoised near my fly and of course this added a few more casts to my day. Thanks to these outings I was able to fish 3 awesome rivers and meet up with some club members on the water. I hope to see you out there at these incredible outings our club offers.

Financial News by Tim Bolling

Last month I described how the money we raise at the auction is split up and said I would go through what sort of administrative and other expenses we have. Having just completed our budget, there are 9 different categories besides the Grant Funds.

We rent a storage unit that holds a variety of items from tables, pop-up shelters, and other things used for our annual picnic and chili feed, but also auction items, books (soon to be sold we hope!), fly tying material, etc. Right now that unit is very full! We also rent a room at the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center for our board meetings and rent a PO Box. Second, there are a number of expenses associated with our website and other computer costs, as well as fees we pay to PayPal and Fly Fishers International to be an Affiliate Club. That allows us to participate in their insurance program among other things. Of course we also pay a number of fees to the State of Oregon to maintain our non-profit status.

Our monthly newsletter and membership brochure and directory also incur costs for printing and postage (we encourage as many people as possible to access the newsletter through our website to minimize that cost).

While we receive a discount, the TFO rods and reels cost us money as well as the hats, fly boxes, and other items with our logo, although we do recoup that when somebody buys one of those.

Of course, there is also the cost to put on a meeting. Some people think we make money charging \$ 25.00 per meal. Well I can tell you that is definitely not the case. I'll go into more detail and talk about what other costs we have in a future newsletter article.

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

John Pogue and John MacDiarmid will conduct a fly fishing class for beginners on Saturday May 6. In this one day class participants will learn everything needed to fish the Rogue for steelhead and trout. The class will cover wading 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 them but do not buy equipment for the class. We will answer the question, what rod should I buy? The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you need a rod. 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.

You must be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. You can join on line at the club's website. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto .

The class will be held on May 6 from 9 to 3:30 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park club house. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill.

Email John MacDiarmid at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com to register for the class. Questions? Call John at 541-840-0183. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend.

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 3/15/23, 4/20 w/SOFF
Club Board Meeting; 3/1, 4/5, 5/3
Intro to Fly Fishing Class 5/6
SO Fly Tyers meeting 3/14, 4/11, 5/9
Outings: Sacramento River 3/18
 Lake Selmac 4/12,
 Copeland Ponds 5/6
 Owyhee River 5/17
Events; Fly Tyer's Expo 3/10

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Arlene James Looking for a Hole-in-One Salmonfly

Arlene, the wife of long-time RFF member and expert fly tyer Jerry James, is looking for one of Jerry's Hole-in-One Salmonfly patterns—a unique adult salmonfly pattern that utilizes a golf tee as the body. Jerry passed away a number of years ago, and Arlene does not have this fly. If you have one you would be willing to give Arlene, please contact David Haight



We have a lot to celebrate in 2023

This year has brought new and exciting developments for RRWC and we are looking forward to sharing them with you and celebrating together.

Join us for a delicious plated dinner, silent auction, the “Get the Fish up the River” game, project highlight videos, and plenty of time to gather around the table with old and new friends

More information will be coming to you in mid March. Watch for our invitation via email or mail and we hope to see you on April 29th!



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California lilac photo: Suzie Savoie

Join the Rogue Flyfishers at Celebrate the Rogue!

The Rogue Flyfishers are a sponsor for the Rogue River Watershed Council’s Celebrate the Rogue! fundraising event. As such, we have a reserved table for 10 at the event, which will occur on April 29, 5:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Ashland Hills Hotel. We are selling the seats at our table for the face value of \$60.00 to members of the Rogue Flyfishers on a first-come basis. You can purchase a seat at the March or April meetings, or by contacting David Haight. The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Watershed Council. As most of you know, the Rogue River Watershed Council does a tremendous amount of work to improve the habitat for native fish in the Rogue Basin, and is worthy of our support.

Lost Wading Staff

If you lost your wading staff during the January Outing to the coast, contact David Haight.

SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

March 18, 2023



We were rained out last year but as promised we are going to the Sacramento again in 2023. Come join us for an opportunity to hook large wild Sacramento River Rainbows. The Sacramento is one of best trout stream fisheries 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 water craft to float the river, we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Jeff Goodwin Guide Service of Redding <https://www.jeffgoodwinfishing.com>. The cost of the guided trip is **\$250 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and flies as well as lunch provided by the guides.

If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com. **Guided fishing spots are limited so don't delay in reserving a trip.** Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

2023 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is time to renew your RFF Membership for 2023. In order for the Board of Directors to determine the club's budget for 2023, it is important and helpful that your dues are paid by December 31st. As an extra incentive for meeting the December 31st deadline, there will be a special raffle at the January meeting for all members who pay their dues by December 31, 2022. In order to be listed in the official club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2023. Our new club directories will be available the end of April, 2023.

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 below 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.

Sincerely,
Your RFF Board of Directors

Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal - 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Should you NOT want your email address in the club directory, check here: _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names, and email if different:

Best Contact Number: _____

Monthly Newsletter - *please indicate your preference by circling one*: Mailed Electronically

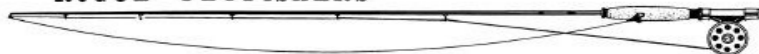
Are you a member of the **Fly Fishers International**? (circle one): Yes No

(Circle one) Individual: \$35 Family: \$45 Junior (under 18): \$5 Honorary Life Member \$0

Dues Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (*Please make check payable to Rogue Flyfishers*)

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The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
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** _____

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 ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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