

Rogue Flyfishers

MARCH 2024

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

Rick Hafele



Rick Hafele has a Masters degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology, and has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 40 years. Books to his credit include *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* (with Scott Roederer, Johnson Books, 1995), *Western Mayfly Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub, 2005), *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub, 1981), *Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams* (Stackpole Books, 2006), and most recently the two volume set *Tactics for Trout and Seasons for Trout* (Stackpole Books, 2014) co-authored with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris.

Rick is also well known for instructional DVD's that include the 1983 classic *Anatomy of a Trout Stream* and more recently the four-volume set titled, *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers, plus Nymph Fishing Basics, Advanced Nymph Fishing and Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*. He also penned the Entomology column for American Angler magazine for over 30 years. Few fly fishers have Rick's knowledge about the world in which trout live, and for many years he has been sharing that knowledge with fly fishers through books, articles, slide shows and seminars.

More info about Rick and his programs can be found at his website: www.rickhafele.com and his photo work can be found on Instagram at: @rickhafele



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Presidents Message

Springtime (almost)

Well it certainly felt like spring a few days last week. Did I fish at all? No! However, I did get most of my yard work done and even worked on getting the garden ready for the next growing season.

The winter run steelhead are starting to show up in the surrounding rivers and should improve over the next month or two. So go out there and get some fish and give me a report. Just kidding, I'll get out there soon enough. For you new members, especially those new to the area, if you want to learn more about the local fisheries I have some helpful tips. Go to one of our local fly fishing shops, Rogue Valley Anglers, or Ashland fly shop, and ask them to point you in the right direction. Attend one of our outings. Oh and if the outing needs a boat let the outing organizer know if you don't have one. There's usually room in someone's boat for another person. And last but probably most important just ask someone at the monthly meeting. If you don't know anyone, or you're shy, come ask me and I'll introduce you to some of the members who fish a lot.

Now as for the monthly dinner meetings we need more members to attend please. Last month we didn't meet the 50 member quota so the club ended up paying for some meals. I don't expect every member to show up, but out of roughly 160 members we should be able to get 50 to show up consistently. Sorry but this has been an ongoing discussion with the board and has a big effect on the clubs longevity. OK enough about that, now go outside and soak up the sun when you get a chance to. Even better go out there and connect with one of those chrome bright, red hot, winter missiles from a local river. There's nothing better than hooking a fresh winter steelhead.

John Pogue



2024 Membership Renewal

Thank you to all members that have renewed their 2024 membership!

For those who haven't paid, you have until March 31, 2024 to pay your 2024 dues. If dues are not paid by March 31, 2024, you will not be receiving the monthly newsletter and you will not be listed in the official 2024 RFF Directory. The membership directory will be published in April, 2024 and will be available to all members May 1, 2024.

You will be able to pay your 2024 membership dues, by cash or check, At the January, February or March RFF meetings.

If any information (phone number, home address and email) has changed, please complete the form, at the back of this newsletter and submit with your payment to the RFF meetings mail to the address indicated on the form.

Prices remain the same: \$35. for individual, \$45. for family and \$5. For an individual youth, under 18.

Thank you for being a member of the Rogue Flyfishers Club!

Don Dabney
RFF Membership Chair

BEWARE: Old Scam making the rounds

The scammer sends you an email that is (supposedly) signed by the president of the club, or someone else in authority. It says that the president is unavailable and asks you to buy gift cards for some special project. Just delete it. Don't contact them. You will never be asked to do something like this.

Here are the Fish counts for October 2023 at Huntley Park

	2wk cumulative	Cumulative total	10 yr average
Adult Steel-head	89	89	308
	2wk cumulative	Cumulative total	10yr average
Coho	130	130	216
	2wk cumulative	Cumulative total	10yr average
Half pounders	997	997	2853
	2wk cumulative	Cumulative total	10 yr average
Fall Chinook	430	430	606

Upper Rogue Outing

Kirk Kowalke

About a dozen people turned out for the upper Rogue RFF outing hosted by Dave McCants aka (McBear) at Casey park. Started off an overcast day in the 40s promising to be good conditions for fly fishing. Dave gave a very thorough explanation in the setup and flies used for euro style nymphing and supplied some expertly tied flies for everyone. During the initial briefing we were joined by 2 bald eagles across the river who became very vocal and seemed to want to take over our fishing and show us how it's done. We dispersed to fish nymphs for most of the morning with most of us using indicator style nymphing. McBear put on a good demonstration with his 11 ft. Euro nymph setup and sure made it look easy. We met back at Casey around noon hoping for a hatch and some dry fly fishing. For whatever reasons the morning nymphing didn't produce any takes and by 1 it was turning to rain and a few fish were rising. So we all spread out along the river and tried are emergers and dry flys. It was nice to see so many fly fishers out enjoying casting practice and although not many fish were hooked around 1:30 Robert netted a pair of nice bows and in the rain. So good to see everyone who showed up and encourage you to take advantage of these super outings. Hey, it's casting practice and gets you out on the water with fellow fly fishers.

Big thanks McBear.

Big catch of the day was by Dave and Lane. Dave found a like new 35 pound triangle boat anchor and got it halfway to shore and Lane carried it the rest of the way and to his truck to use on his boat. Hell of a find and good river cleanup!

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

At the February Board of Directors meeting, a grant for \$2500.00 to the Rogue River Watershed Council was approved. Many times, the funds needed for their major projects are donated specifically for a particular project and cannot be used for general administrative costs. They requested this grant to help defray those costs. This grant entitled us to a table at the upcoming Celebrate the Rogue, the annual fundraiser for RRWC that will be held on May 11 th this year. Last year, in addition to giving our donation, we sold the seats at that table and then donated that additional money to RRWC. At our next meeting the Board of Directors will be discussing if we will do the same thing this year or if we will use these seats for some other type of fundraiser.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday March 20th at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (March 15th) 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.

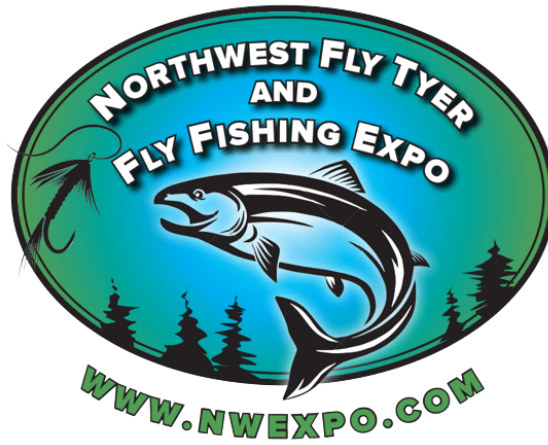
Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or
call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

PROGRAM:

Rick Hafele

Understanding Emergers (50-60 min):

Emerging insects provide some of the most exciting and productive fly-fishing opportunities. But you have to have the right fly and present it the right way. This program explains the in's and out's of choosing the right fly for the right emerger and how to fish them.



March 8 & 9, 2024

9 am – 5 pm

Linn County Expo Center

Albany, Oregon

New Fly Tying Classes & Youth Fly Fishing Workshop, Plus New Casting Event Programs slated for 2024.

Don't miss it!



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The inaugural Northwest Fly Tyer Expo took place in Eugene, Oregon in 1989 with the aim of bringing together fly fishing enthusiasts and fly tyers to craft lifelike imitations of fish's natural food sources using materials like feathers, fur, and thread, and to exchange valuable knowledge. Due to its increasing popularity, the event outgrew its original venue and had to be relocated to a larger facility. In 2007, the expo found its new home at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon, and also expanded to include a dedicated fly fishing education component.

Fifteen Northwest Expos later (minus two years due to Covid), the event has expanded to encompass a significant portion of the western region. Exhibitors now not only sell products but also educate attendees on how to support the fly fishing industry. The event has evolved to include Fly Tying, Fly Fishing, Casting, Youth Participation, and Conservation Education as integral components.

The NW Expo offers a comprehensive experience for anyone interested in fly fishing. This event provides a social, educational, and networking platform for families, youth, and individuals keen on learning about this distinctive sport.



Board of Directors Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3/6, starting at 6:00 PM at:

Medford Branch Library
Carpenter Conference Room
205 S. Central Ave
Medford, OR

Everybody is welcome to attend!

Thoughts on the club meeting

The Speaker at our meeting was fantastic in February, Jeremiah Houle, S/A, Loon Products & Lake Billy Chinook Bulls! He was very informative regarding the new lines from Scientific Anglers. It was a very interesting presentation with the latest technology in fly lines including the new dimpled lines they produce. Jeremiah also presented on Lake Billy Chinook and I was very impressed by the size of the bull trout and how big the flies are that you catch them on. After that presentation it's on the list of "MUST GO" places to fly fish!

Dewey

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 03/20, 04/16 (joint with SOFF)

Board Meeting 03/06, 04/03, 05/01

SOFF meeting 03/12, 04/09, 05/14

Outings:

LeMolo Lake 05/24-25

Diamond Lake 06/12

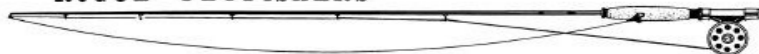
Events:

NW Fly Tyers Expo 03/08

Joint picnic (with SOFF) 06/08

Check the Club Calendar for more information

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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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