

Rogue Flyfishers

MARCH 2025

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

SONJA NISSON A SALTY EVENING



I was introduced to a fly rod at age 10 by my grandfather on the wild trout streams of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. I have been an avid angler ever since, which spans more years than I am going to admit. I moved to Southern Oregon in 1990 and have combined a passion for fly fishing with a love of photography. I live in Rogue River and am a member of FFI, FFI Women Connect, and FFI Fly Tyers Group, RFF, SOFF, CCA, TU, SOFT, COFF and its sub-unit Wild Women on the Water (and we are).

Between 2006 and 2017, I did several exploratory trips for outfitters, which spanned from the Frank Church Wilderness in Idaho to several foreign destinations and, ultimately, to West Africa.



In partnership with
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Rogue Flyfishers Presidents Message

March, 2025

Well it looks like the seasons are starting to turn a little bit. We have had a nice amount of rain this year as well as a healthy snowstorm to give us some needed precipitation. Now it's starting to feel like winter steelhead season. Unfortunately for me, I don't know how much I'll be able to get out due to my recent foot surgery. Things are going well so far, and I should be able to finally put some weight on it soon. So get out there and catch some fish and tell me all about it.

We had a great turnout at the February dinner for speaker Chrysten Rivard on the Klamath River dam removal. She did a great presentation and answered a lot of questions. Before that I read the purpose of the club from the bylaws Article 1. I did this largely to reinforce the clubs efforts on conservation. I know a lot of people thought that the jetboat issue was somewhat political, and it was to an extent. However, it was a conservation issue more than anything else. Conservation not only of the spawning fish, eggs, and fry, but to conserve the riparian work done by the Rogue Flyfishers, Southern Oregon Flyfishers, and the Middle Rogue Steelheaders. All three clubs have put a lot of man hours into this section of the river, and some of it is still at risk. If we don't step up to protect our home water who will? Conservation will be a primary focus for me this year as it was last year. I look forward to seeing what our conservation chair, Rick Graw, has cut out for us this year. Please step up and help with any of these projects if you're able to. I will try to participate in all of them myself.

Even though we are not doing monthly club outings, due to lack of participation, there will be an outing attended by several club members in June. It will be at Crane Prairie June 22-29. Most will be staying at the Rock Creek campground. This lake has some of the hottest acrobatic rainbows you've ever caught. I'll be in loop 2 space 9 and Steve Day and his crew will be in space 10. If you'd like more info on this trip, please reach out to me and I'll try to answer as many questions as I can.

So I look forward to seeing everybody at the dinner meeting this month. Now get out there and enjoy the sunshine and get on the water. Well maybe after the flow drops a little more. Be safe and go catch some fish.

John Pogue

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday March 19th 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

Teriyaki Chicken Thighs, Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Roasted Snap Peas, Rice Pilaf,
Hawaiian Rolls w/ Butter, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Saturday (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:

SONJA NISSON A SALTY EVENING

My salt water adventures began a decade ago and have added a whole new dimension to this old angler. Being more an angler than a caster, I have had to learn new techniques, incorporate casting practice drills, and apply some compensatory methods to tackle these spooky, fast and incredibly strong species. Steelhead are still my ultimate quest, but my passion for salt adds an element of challenge and excitement, along with endless opportunity for learning.

I will be sharing a bit of my “salt” experiences and tips with you and hope that it inspires other trout and steelhead anglers to give it a try! Warning: Exposure to tarpon, permit, and bone fishing can lead to addiction, as well as a compulsion for “one more rod” to add to the quiver. Beware!

2025 Membership Renewal

Thank you to all members that have renewed their 2025 membership!

For those who haven't paid, you have until March 31, 2025 to pay your 2025 dues. If dues are not paid by March 31, 2025, you will not be receiving the monthly newsletter and you will not be listed in the official 2025 RFF Directory.

The membership directory will be published in April, 2025 and will be available to all members May 1, 2025.

You will be able to pay your 2025 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!

Jim Ulm

RFF Membership Chair

LET'S CAST

John MacDiarmid, Certified Casting Instructor

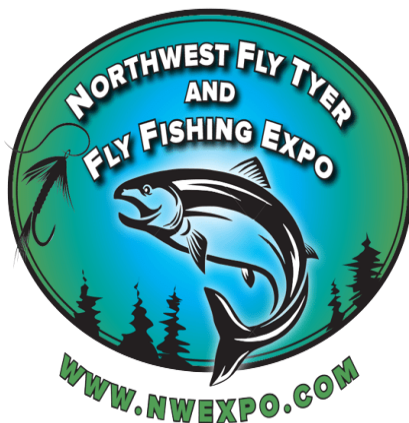
Please join me for some open casting beginning at 4:30 before our March meeting. We will be on the North or East side of the main Centennial Golf Course building. Rain will postpone the meeting till the next month. Club rods will be rigged and ready or you can cast with your own.

BEGINNERS this is your chance to learn the basic cast before you learn bad habits that you will have to unlearn later in order to develop a good cast.

EXPERIENCED CASTERS have you thought about adding the double haul? Is your casting developed to the point you are now ready to add the haul? To haul you need to be able to load (power) the rod enough to shoot line. Peel about three or four pulls of line off the reel and hold the extra line in your line hand, then on your forward stroke release the line as it "shoots" out the rod on the forward cast. If the slack is taken up in the cast, you are ready to add the haul. If you are not ready, let's work on getting you ready!

To **ENCOURAGE** participation, some lucky caster will receive a coveted 4pac of **DOUBLE HAUL** IPA from the Kettle Brewery in Missoula, Montana. Look forward to casting with you!

NW Fly Tyers Expo



March 7 & 8, 2025

9 am – 5 pm

**Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon**

Northwest Fly Tying & Fly-Fishing Expo, a premier event that fosters networking, education, and creative thinking among anglers, industry suppliers, conservation groups, and enthusiasts. It's an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and contribute to Oregon's thriving fly-fishing community.

Event Highlights:

Live Fly Tying Demonstrations and Tying Classes: Witness intricate fly designs created by top-tier tyers.

Casting Demonstrations and Casting Classes: Learn from the pros that are FFI Certified Casting Instructors. Single hand and 2 hand casting.

Learn about Fly Fishing Tenkara and Euro Nymphing:

Educational Seminars: Learn from the pros with topics ranging from conservation, tying, casting techniques to fly fishing strategies. Where when and how to get started.

Workshops: Hands-on sessions to enhance your skills, whether you're a beginner or looking to refine advanced techniques.

Exhibitor Booths: Browse the latest gear and innovations from leading brands in the fly fishing industry.

Youth Activities: Introduce kids to the joy of fly fishing with activities tailored to spark their interest. This new youth program will include raffles each day for a youth to win a fly rod & reel or a tying kit.

Live Auction, Silent Auction & Raffles: Bid on premium gear, artwork, and more, with proceeds supporting fly fishing education and conservation efforts.

Banquet and Live Auction Friday Night: March 7th, 2025, in the Exhibit Hall 5PM –9PM Full Dinner Tickets \$10.00 Sponsored by Oregon Council of Fly Fishing International.

Admission: Adults \$10 a day, free for kids 17 & under. Free for Adults that bring children under 17 to join in our new free Youth Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Program. Free for all Expo Volunteers, Veterans and Fly Fishers International Members (FFI) Join or renew your FFI membership when you arrive and get a FFI Membership Drive Raffle Ticket to win a fly rod. Winner will be drawn each day. Do not need to be present to win.

For tickets and more information, follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nwflytyingexpo>

About the Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo is organized annually by the Oregon Council of Flyfishing International. Our mission is to foster education, camaraderie, and conservation within the fly fishing community while sharing the beauty and craft of the sport with enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.

Contact: Sherry Steele – Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International

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Financial Report – Tim Bolling

On 2-5-25 the Board of Directors voted to purchase a table at the “Salmon Adult” level for the Celebrate the Rogue fundraiser for the Rogue River Watershed Council. This \$ 2500.00 contribution entitles the club to 8 seats at a table and the Board intends to sell these seats for \$ 75.00 each and use those funds for an additional donation. This is the same as we did in 2024. Those seats are on a first-come, first-go basis, so if you want to help both the Rogue Flyfishers and the Rogue River Watershed Council, send a check (check only, no PayPal) to the club PO Box or give it to Tim Bolling at the next club meeting.

DON’T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2025!

High Plains Drifters FFI Auction

We’ve been contacted by the High Plains Drifters FFI Charter Club who asked that we let club members know about a particular item they have in a fundraising auction. They have a new Sage Spey reel they thought was more suited to the waters we fish than the waters around Denver! Details can be found at <https://flyfisherscolorado.com/collections/auction-today> or <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BQ1r7nxux/> The auction runs until 8pm MDT on 3/20.

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 3/19, (April with SOFF)

Board Meeting 3/5, 4/2

SOFT meeting 3/11, 4/8

Events

NW Fly tying Expo 3/7-8

Fly tying meeting with SOFF 4/15

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Conservation Update

by Rick Graw

ODFW has new temporary restrictions on harvesting wild steelhead for the Rogue River. Between December 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025, all wild winter steelhead must be released unharmed between the Illinois River upstream to the Cole Rivers Hatchery. Below the confluence with the Illinois River, one wild steelhead may be kept.

The Oregon Marine Board adopted a new rule which restricts commercial jet boats on the Upper Rogue River and its tributaries. The rule restricts the use of motors above 15 horsepower on all tributaries between Fishers Ferry County Park and the William L. Jess Dam and the main stem of the Rogue River from Dodge Bridge County Park to the William L. Jess Dam. It also restricts the use of motors above 15 hp from Fishers Ferry County Park to Dodge Bridge County Park in the event that river flows drop below 1350 CFS. Allows motorized charter boats to operate only between Fishers Ferry County Park and Table Rock Road Bridge between the dates of May 8 and September 10. We want to ensure the new rules protecting the upper Rogue from commercial jet boats is enforced. We'll be following up to ensure signs are posted with a phone number to call to report violations.

In February, a group of club members met to discuss what conservation efforts we ought to focus on this coming year. We agreed that we would like to strengthen our collaboration with other river and fishery conservation groups in southwestern Oregon to improve outcomes. Towards this end, we'll be reaching out to these groups in the months to develop relationships, increase awareness of what each club is doing, and complement efforts. If there's interest, we'll also try to organize periodic meetings solely to discuss ongoing and near-future conservation efforts.

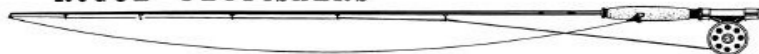
There was also interest in having more conservation-focused presentations and discussions at our monthly meetings. We'll be exploring this idea more and looking for opportunities. If you know of someone or a topic you'd like to know more about, please contact Mark Dewey so he can try to get it on the schedule.

We discussed the benefits of having a strategic plan for our conservation efforts. We'll address this after we gain information from our outreach efforts to other clubs. However, if you have some thoughts on this, please share them. We'll be organizing a cleanup day for the trash along Takelma Drive adjacent to the Holy Water in May to coincide with the Salmon Fly Hatch. Please consider coming out to help with the clean up and do some fishing. Look for an announcement with details in the next newsletter.

A couple of upcoming conservation events with our partners are listed below.

Rogue River Keepers are hosting Bear Creek Stewardship Day on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. For more information visit their website at <https://www.rogueriverkeeper.org/upcoming-events/bcsd-spring-2025> Rogue River Watershed Council is hosting the "Celebrate the Rogue" event on April 26, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Ashland Hills Hotel. This is a dinner event with a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 each. Form more information visit www.rogueriverwc.org

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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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