



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.

PROGRAM

The speaker this month is
PHIL ROWLEY

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President's Message—May 2015

Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal. One's spirit cannot help but be lifted by the emergence of leafy trees, flowering shrubs and yards of fragrant blooms. As the warming sun brings back the bees and butterflies that make their way into our neighborhoods we find comfort in this reassurance of returning life. We find that same affirmation on the water experiencing the miracle of a hatch or a another dazzling display of resilience in a fish migration.

EVERYONE feels a little happier when the cold gray winter acquiesces to the warm and bright spring season and I am no exception. Still, I have a confession to make— I am always pretty cheerful no matter what the season. Optimist? Yes I am. Have a bit of a “Pollyanna” complex? (If you're under 35, Google it!) I have been accused of that! What makes me so happy? One of the biggest reasons is simple—my life is enriched by all of the extraordinary good and generous people in it.

This club of ours is FILLED with such folks. Every board meeting, dinner meeting or outing that I attend reaffirms that fact. If you are aware of what our club has achieved since it was founded in 1971, you cannot help but be amazed at the foresight of our founders and the dogged determination of the membership in continuing to restore, improve and protect the habitat and health of our waterways and all of the life that depends on them. I am so grateful to be a small part of this.

There is still much to do to continue this legacy. As the membership ages, many of our friends in the club are no longer physically able to participate as they would like to. Lest this club go the way of other clubs that no longer exist, we must strive to recruit new members to join us. We are a friendly, accepting and motivated body and our dinner meetings are socially rewarding, life affirming and educational.

On behalf of every person who has ever been an active member of the Rogue Flyfishers, I am asking each of you to bring a friend or coworker to a dinner meeting. We are fortunate to have people who work to procure excellent speakers that help us find exciting new places and ways to catch fish and preserve their futures.

This month, we are lucky to have Phil Rowley for a speaker. If you've not had the pleasure of experiencing one of his presentations you won't want to miss him. He puts on an outstanding show and this month's feature addresses the best ways to fish all of the different lakes in our area.

With memberships still very affordable at \$35 for an individual or \$45 for an entire family, it's a lot of opportunity for very little outlay.

Invite a guest to see what we are all about. Encourage them to visit our website at www.rogueflyfishers.org and join our blog at www.rogueflyfishers@blogspot.com for updates on what we're up to and ways to participate. You can offer to take someone fishing or invite them to our free casting instruction at Hedrick Middle School on Mondays beginning at 6 PM. We even furnish the rods for folks who don't have their own.

Let's create our own “spring” season in this club. Let's “grow” our membership, “renew” our hope for the future and bring a “rebirth” to our club in the form of new members. It makes me more cheerful just thinking about it!

—Kellie Christensen

This is YOUR club. If you have ideas as to what you would like to see our club doing more of, please come to a board meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 PM at the Lions Sight & Hearing Center at 228 North Holly Street in Medford and let us know what you think!

A Great Time at the Upper Williamson Outing



Revenge of the Cutthroat

By Otis .Swisher

It all happened so fast. But then, that's about par for the course in dry fly fishing. Even when you are "sight fishing" . You follow the fly. That's normal. You figure it is now at the rise spot, that already known spot where you saw the surface activity of the feeding fish. The response is right where you thought it ought to be. But, it is so much more outstanding than what you are accustomed to when using a little #14 March Brown.

I mean a HEA-vy take down. So how heavy was it? The 3-weight rod was jerked out of my hand. I reflexed with my left hand to grab it to keep it from going over the side of the boat and into the river. In doing this downward jerk of the tip of the rod, the butt of the rod with its weight of the reel responded instantly, by jerking upward and striking me on the right cheek bone. Ouch!!

It was an acrobatic fish. Five jumps, each one clearing the water by almost a foot. And, for good measure, a strong "tail walk" across the surface of the river for about two feet. Then, after further play, brought to net to admire and finally released back into its home waters.

I should mention: if you haven't seen the new style net, the one with a large figure tape measure fastened to the bottom of the bag of the net, in a manner so that the bend compensates for measurement of the fish when it is safely ensconced in the deep net. Easy to read: tip of nose 10, plus tip of tail 6 equals a 16-inch Cutthroat.

I figure, with the cheek scar to prove it, that this Cutthroat was doing a "pay back" to me in revenge for my many hook ups of its relatives which I had punctured with my dry flies over the years. But...

But , the 17-inch Cutthroat I hooked on my third cast after landing this fish wasn't in that revenge cycle. That's for another time and another day in the future. (I can dream, can't I.)

Request for help: On this day, about noon, when the above catches took place, Paul (the boatman) and I sat in the midst of the start of a huge hatch of smaller brown insects. This was not the "tall ship" look of a March Brown, the ones with the dark wings. It consisted of flies just shy of 1/2-inch which when perched resembled the folded wing, like the old "pup tent". I consider it more a caddis style insect.

The hatch continued for nearly three hours and took place for about a mile and a half of river. It had millions of bodies on the surface of the water, as well as a like number in flight at the same time. I was reminded of pictures of what was portrayed as the "hex hatch" on the Williamson River.

My question: what is this hatch? Could it be a "sqwala" hatch? How about some entomologist writing an article for our Newsletter of the near future? Our Newsletter Editor would appreciate such an article. So would I.



MENU for our REGULAR dinner meeting on Wednesday, May 20th (The auction was cancelled!)

Sliced Roast Beef with Mushroom Bourdelaise Tossed Green Salad with Dressing Rice Pilaf
Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables Dinner Rolls Chef's Choice Dessert Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian Entrée Portabella Mushroom Ravioli

If you desire a vegetarian, gluten free or lactose free meal, please let Kellie know at 541-776-4094 or kclmbr@msn.com by Monday, May 18th if possible!

A note about the club website

As many of you know, the club website has had problems from hackers with nothing better to do than break into our website. I assure you that there is no data on the website that can harm any of our members. The only problem we have is a disruption to service. I have made changes to the website to close avenues of entry from hackers. I have also installed security software that will intercept and stop intrusions.

We have been running for over a month now with no problems. In the future, if any of you have any problems with the website, the quickest way to get it resolved is to contact me directly. Often you users will see problems before I do

Steve Ostrander webmaster

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 in the class. The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you will 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. We will also pick an evening to visit the "Holy Water" and cast our stone flies over feeding rainbows.

We would like for you to be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. 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 May 9th 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.

John MacDiarmid an FFF Certified Casting Instructor is the class instructor. Email him at jmacd@jeffnet.org 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.

Summer Casting

Beginning May 4, we will gather to cast on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00P.M. at Hedrick Middle School on East Jackson in Medford. Otis Swisher, Tom Collett, Bob Pierce and John MacDiarmid look forward to casting with you and giving you pointers to improve your casting. If you just want to "warm up" and tighten up your loops before the season starts, then come on out. If you are wondering what tightening up your loops means, then you definitely would benefit from some time with the casting instructors. If you are having trouble with a particular cast or casting situation, we may be able to help. As always we really enjoy starting beginners correctly. In addition to beginners and open casting every session, we are also going to have specific lessons on specific cast or parts of the cast. The first specific classes will be on May 18 & 25 and deal with improving your back cast. Far and away this is the part of the cast that most of us need to improve. A good back cast is imperative to have a good forward cast. And since we can not see it like the forward cast, the timing and hard stop is more difficult to implement than the forward cast. Very simply, "If you got no back cast, you got no forward cast." Subsequent sessions will deal with presentation cast, the cast we use to present the fly to the trout and set it up for a dead drift.

Jan Rowe's phone number in the directory is incorrect. Her correct number is 541-941-1740.

20th Annual Bear Creek Watershed Symposium

Our clubs have chosen to participate in this year's event to be held at Santo Community Center , 701 N. Columbus Ave, Medford. The date is May 22nd (Friday) from 9:30 to 1:30. This symposium offers many different agencies providing students with hands-on activities highlighting conservation and watershed health. Our clubs, RFF & SOFF in Grants Pass are partnering to pull this off. We need about 10-12 fly tyers plus an equal number of casters to work with about 200 students. Last year we had about 20 volunteers to help make this a success. It would be great to have a few more to allow for breaks. Expert skills are NOT necessary just a willingness to have a positive experience with the kids. We can also use a couple "herders" to get the kids cycled to the activity areas in an efficient manner. More ladies are welcome and greatly admired by the young female students. A lunch will be provided as well as all tying materials, rods and vices although if you have a favorite vice for demo purposes bring it along. To the folks that helped out last year, thank you. Please help us again if you can and bring along your fishing buddies to join us. To those that are new to this activity, please, please come join the party, it really is a positive encounter with our youth. Contact Ken Bonisi (kenbonisi@gmail.com or 541-899-9981) to sign up or find out more details. Give me your contact info (email and phone) along with what your participation preference might be (casting, tying or herding). We need to have a committed group of 20 by the middle of April or we may need to cancel.

BROWNS & RAINBOWS--THREE RIVERS & THREE LAKES

May 24 - May 29

The rivers are Fall River, Pit River and Hat Creek, the lakes are Baum, McCumber and Manzanita. RX: Fall River will require a boat with motor or strong arms/back will work, this is true for a pontoon boat or canoe. McCumber and Manzanita Lakes also require a boat, canoe or pontoon boat BUT these are small lakes and easy to get around. Manzanita Lake has some wade-able shoreline. Baum Lake has only a couple spots that are fish-able from shore. Baum and Manzanita lakes are fish-able from float tubes. Hat Creek is very wade-able Pit River is wade-able, BUT it is highly recommended to have cleated/studded boots and a wading staff. The rocks are extremely slippery and the brush is tight to the water.

A MUST have is a CA fishing license.

Rod/reel 4-6 wt with a floating line and optional full or sink tip line. Fly patterns: leeches, Adams, PMD's, damsel & dragonfly nymphs, PT's, Callibaetis, stonefly nymphs and caddis.

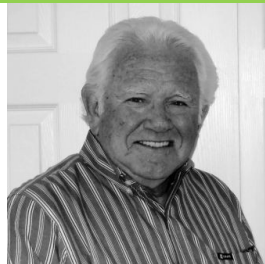
Ronilee and I will be at Rancheria RV park however there are numerous other campsites available in the area. For further information give me a call or send an email.

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If you would like to attend a dinner meeting or outing but no longer drive, please contact any member of the board. We are happy to help you with transportation





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Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He is an MBA graduate from Southern Oregon University. Adam can be found on local waters during most weekends as he enjoys introducing others in the area to this sport. He teaches fly fishing for the city of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.

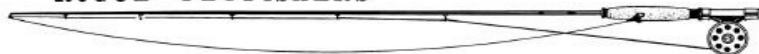


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Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

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 _____ - _____

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

(2nd best) Number _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Are you **retired?** Yes __ No __ **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes __ No __ **lake boat?** Yes __ No __

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