

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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NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH

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RFF AUCTION DINNER 2017

MAY 24, 2017

4:30PM to 8:45PM LOCATION: JACKSON COUNTY EXPO FAIRGROUNDS PADGHAM PAVILION -CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

That's right, time is almost here.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT. Sign up right now.

We have gone through a lot of hard work to make this a very successful event.

Lots of great items await your bids. We have several Bed & Breakfast stays, Golf packages, Gift Baskets; Custom made Fly Rods, Drift Trips, Exquisitely Hand crafted Flies by some of the best Fly Tiers in Oregon. Also, Dan Kellogg & Dave Roberts got together and created a very beautiful - one of kind Fly Plate. Cabelas, Dicks – Field & Stream, & REI have made donations. Sawyer Oars will make for another bidding war. And don't forget the Gourmet Dinner for 6 on the River provided by Steve Day, Keith Hardcastle, & Mike Masters

We have room for 150 people; so far we have 75 reservations. So if you are one of those last minute people – It is the last minute right now. Get all your friends, relatives, and fellow fishermen, neighbors to help support our club.

Email Mike Masters your request for a seat mmasters2243@charter.net or Call 541-261-2243

Your check of \$25 / Seat should be made out to Rogue Flyfishers
And mail it to:
Mike Masters
2591 Savannah Dr Central Point, OR 97502

President's Message

When I was younger, I could fish from 'can see to can't see', not so much anymore. But now I find I can fit two passions in at once, bird watching as well as fly-fishing. I have always been an early a riser, so I get on the road by 5:30am with the pram in tow and head up to some small lakes or ponds and watch them wake up. I'm ready to fish at the first hint of a hatch, but until then I'm watching the birds wake, the beaver, the otter and any other wildlife around. I'll start fishing with nymphs weighted with copper wire only and a bright spot for a wing pad. This has been working fine under a small indicator. About 2 hours later the spinner fall of callibaetis are starting, I switch rods and fish on top. What a great day! Now you know what has been keeping me sane while our river has been way too high!

Now for real news. Our annual auction is shaping up to be one of the best ever. I'm hoping as many of our members as possible can be there. This will be a great night with all funds earmarked for scholarships and conservation. And the food should be top-notch, too.

I'm really excited that we have a new meeting location, starting with our June meeting!

As for my opening story, it really happened just that way. As for the fish, nothing big, but very fun and lots of them. It got me away from planting the garden and the tying bench! Here's hoping your tying thread doesn't break and the strikes are often.

David Roberts

P. S. Take a new member fishing (old members welcome, too)!

This is you official notice of our Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers Annual Meeting

Dates: June 10th, 2017 Time; 10AM - 4PM

Location Comfort Suites Albany, OR

This meeting we will be voting on the name change from:

Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers To: THE OREGON COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

We will also be covering the following for:

Activities and formal reporting for this time period June 2016 to June 2017 Election of Board of Directors for the time period June 2017 to June 2018 The new BOD will then elect the Executive officers for the June 2017 to June 2018

We will also be approving the Council Presidents Committee Chair Appointments for June 2017 to June 2018

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"Thinking out of the box and on the fly"

Bear Creek River Mile 24.7 Habitat Improvement Project (Rick Davis and Neighbors!)

A group of voluntary landowners, The Freshwater Trust, and US Bureau of Reclamation are all working together to improve critical habitat for coho salmon and many other fish and wildlife species. Once the project has been installed, there will be large wood structure and improved connection of important side channel habitat in Bear and Roca creeks for juvenile and adult fish to use for cover, resting, and feeding. In addition, 3 acres of streamside forest will have noxious weeds removed, such as non-native blackberry, replanted with native trees and shrubs, and stewarded to establish the native plants and suppress noxious weeds for 5 years. All of this work does not cost landowners any money.

In February, I andowners signed Cooperative Agreements with The Freshwater Trust and an initial archaeological survey was completed to make sure the work would not disturb cultural resources. With this complete, contractors came in last week and cleared non-native blackberry to check for cultural resources hidden under the extensive patches and also help prepare for this summer's large wood construction. Instream and streamside vegetation permits with the federal, state, and county agencies are filed and awaiting approval.

The next steps are to get all of the necessary approvals so work can begin on the engineered large wood structures in the creeks. These should be in place by June, then contractors can mobilize and stage heavy equipment and log materials needed for construction. The In-water Work Period for Bear Creek begins on June 15th and the anticipated instream construction will last 3 weeks. New wildlife-friendly fence will be built afterwards, the project will have a little more noxious weed treatment in the fall, and planted with native trees and shrubs in the winter of 2018. The entire project will go into stewardship until 2022. This is the first phase of work on Bear Creek, over a mile of creek upstream will have similar work completed over the next few years.

RFF Selects Recipients for Two Scholarships

Each, year, the Rogue Flyfishers award two \$1500 scholarships to outstanding students in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University. We do this to help promote individuals that we feel will go into careers that will help insure the future health of the fisheries resources we all value. The recipients are selected based on scholastic achievements, work and volunteer experience in the field, involvement on campus and in the community, career goals, and financial need. This year, we awarded scholarships to Tyler Johnson and Rachel Lertora.

Rachel is a junior from Astoria, Oregon. She has a GPA of 3.87, and expects to graduate with a degree in Fisheries Sciences at the end of spring term in 2019. After graduation, she hopes to earn a Master's Degree, and pursue a career in environmental education. As she describes in the letter she sent to the club (included elsewhere in this newsletter), she has an impressive list of experiences for a student just getting started in her career.

Tyler Johnson is also a junior. He grew up in Idaho, where he developed an interest in fisheries while camping and fishing with his family. He has gained experience in the field of fisheries sciences while working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and since moving to Oregon, has worked for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, full time, for the last four-plus years, while going to school and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Tyler expects to graduate with a degree in Fisheries Sciences during the summer of 2018. After graduation, he plans to earn a Master's Degree, and then pursue a career focused on the preservation of aquatic and marine ecosystems.

David Haight, Scholarship Chair

Help Wanted

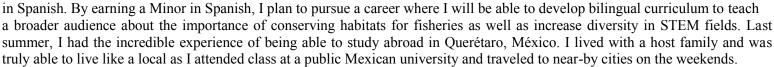
We are looking for volunteers to assist in setting up at the Auction on May 24th. Please email Mike Masters if you want to pitch in.. mmasters2243@charter.net

Dear Rogue Flyfishers,

I am immensely grateful to be writing to you in thanks for your support of my college education in Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. It is a great honor to be receiving one of the scholarships awarded by the Rogue Flyfishers this year. Last spring term at OSU, I took a fly fishing class that combined the art of fly fishing, science of fly fishing, and the literature of fly fishing into one comprehensive course. This course was the first opportunity that I ever had to fly fish. I am now proud to say that I am a successful fly fisher who knows how to tie flies, can set up a rod and reel, and enjoys this sport and the community of like-minded individuals who are as passionate about fisheries conservation as they are with teaching the next generation of fly fishers.

Growing up in Astoria, Oregon, I have been interested in fisheries for a very long time. However, my interest in fisheries really expanded once I entered high school and became very active in Astoria High School's (AHS) Aquatic Biology Program. AHS has a hatchery on campus where students work together to raise thousands of Coho and Chinook salmon each year for release into the Columbia River. Also, as a junior in high school I was selected to attend Oregon's first Samsung sponsored 4-H Marine Ambassador Science camp. At this camp, I learned how to build remotely operated underwater vehicles, how to sail the 64' vessel Ocean Watch, and about the importance of water quality, especially in oceans. After camp, I planned and taught a water quality class to the 150 5th graders and Lewis and Clark Elementary School in Astoria, Oregon. This class included multiple hands on experiments and activities. After the class, I created a video of my camp and teaching experiences that received first place in Samsung's national video competition. I was then named a National Samsung Scholar for my work in marine education. These experiences confirmed the college and career path that I am now pursuing.

I am currently in my second year at Oregon State University and am well on my way to earning a Bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife as well as a Minor



This year on campus, I was selected to be in the College of Agricultural Science's Leadership Academy. Through the Academy, have been specifically working towards professional, personal, and academic goals that I have set for myself. A few weeks ago, I progressed in my professional goal of networking with fisheries professionals while attending the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society's 53rd Annual Meeting. At this event, I was introduced to several STEP Biologists and finally discovered this is the job title for the career that I want to pursue. I am also currently running to be the Student Liaison between ORAFS and OSU's Fisheries and Wildlife club so that I can continue to build professional relationships. Additionally, I have been working towards my academic goal of learning more about conducting research by volunteering as a graduate student's assistant in the Heppell Laboratory all year. While I am very pleased with the progress that I have made towards these goals in the Leadership Academy this year, I am very excited to say that I will be achieving a life-long goal and a childhood dream very soon.

This summer I will be studying marine fisheries abroad at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia for a semester. I have dreamed of visiting Australia ever since I discovered its existence as a young grade schooler. Knowing now that I am on my way to live there for nearly five months is immensely exciting, and is made possible because of your generous support of my goals through this scholarship. Thank you so much for all of the work you do to share your love of fly fishing and passion for conservation with the next generation. I look forward to when I will be as skilled in the art and knowledgeable in the science of fly fishing as all of you, while hopefully also expanding the literature of fly fishing to grow an even more diverse community.



Sincerely,

To The Rogue Flyfishers,

Hello! I would like to take this opportunity to offer my genuine appreciation to you and the Rouge Flyfishers for granting me your annual scholarship. I am currently working full-time and going to school full-time. Financial assistance such as this goes a long ways towards keeping college affordable and accessible to me. This is particularly true as next year I am cutting back on work hours to accommodate the final push towards graduation. Currently, I am wrapping up my junior year and heading into my senior year. College has been a long journey for me. I have attended off and on since graduating high school. During my breaks from school, I have worked a number of jobs in the biology field with a special focus on fisheries. Fisheries has been a passion of mine for a long time. Now I am working hard to finish up my degree, so I can make an even greater impact on the field. My goal is to one day be able to research, monitor, and conserve freshwater and/or saltwater ecosystems.

Most of my work has involved ageing freshwater and saltwater species in an effort to monitor their populations. My career started in my home state of Idaho, where I performed redd surveys and aged Chinook Salmon and Steelhead scales. These various forms of monitoring allow biologists to assess the health of the endangered populations of anadromous fish native to the Snake River. In 2012 an opening in the Age Reading Lab in Newport allowed me to move to the beautiful state of Oregon. In Newport, I work as a contractor for NOAA ageing flatfish, rockfish, and lingcod for population assessments. Currently, I am gearing up to age vertebrae from a couple of different Skate species. My work helps assure that populations of various species of fish remain healthy and productive. I take pride in the fact that my small contribution to the fisheries field may result in populations of fish that are sustainable and will be there for future generations to enjoy. Residing in Oregon has allowed me to obtain my degree from the excellent program Oregon State offers. Classes like Ichthyology and Ecology have helped me obtain a better grasp on how aquatic ecosystems work and the types of functions fish provide to their environment.

My interest in fish extends beyond the professional. I maintain two planted fish aquariums. My largest is a 75 gallon that houses Pumpkinseed Sunfish. I am also an avid fisherman (when I have the time!). Growing up in Idaho, trout fishing in high mountain streams made up a significant portion of any camping trip. Since moving to the coast, I have taken up ocean fishing since I am lucky enough to have it so close. I have primarily been fishing from the jetty, but have also been attempting to work out surf fishing as well. I have not yet had the opportunity to try fly fishing, but it is on a long list of my fishing to dos! I enjoy trying new varieties of fishing as each seems to pose a new and interesting challenge.

In closing, I would like to again thank you for the scholarship. These sorts of financial assistance help students afford college, and hopefully we are able to pay it forward by helping the natural resources we cherish flourish. If I'm ever in southern Oregon I will be sure to attend a club meeting if possible.

Thank you,
Tyler Glenn Johnson
Oregon State Student
NOAA Fisheries Technician
Fisherman

DIAMOND LAKE TUTORIAL

For those of you that are going to be able to attend the Diamond Lake Outing on June 17th, we are offering a short Diamond Lake Tutorial a few weeks before the Outing for those that are interested. We will discuss the Lake, the fish, the bugs and those techniques and fly patterns that will help you make the most of your time on the Lake.

Anyone that is interested, please e-mail Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com and include your phone number in your e-mail.

A word to the wise from Otis Swisher

The Rogue River is closed to trout fishing in April and May up to the Memorial Day Week End. One of our members was fishing small (14's) today \$/17. I told him that if he were stopped by a Game Warden that he should be prepared to make the point that he was fishing for Steelhead to be legal.

The Club, also, might gather pictures of steelhead (16" and longer rainbows) to justify legally that such fish are caught regularly enough during the year with 3 or 4 or 5 wt rods that they could be used if some one has to justify such fishing during April/May if taken to court.



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April 19, 2017

Your gift to Oregon State University was received with gratitude. Thank you very much for supporting the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship Fund.

Generous friends like you have allowed OSU and its related programs to reach higher and achieve more than ever before. With your help, we are educating record numbers of students while working to promote environmental sustainability, economic prosperity, and a high quality of life in Oregon and around the world.

Without a doubt - the best is yet to come for this university and all those we serve. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

J Michael Goodwin President & CEO Jon DeVaan, '85 Chair, Board of Trustees

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May Outing to Lake Selmac

Lake Selmac, in the Illinois Valley near Selma, offers a variety of fishing opportunities throughout the year. Starting in late February and continuing through early June, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks the lake with rainbow trout. As the water warms in April, largemouth bass move into the shallows, and can provide outstanding fishing for some of the biggest bass in Oregon. In addition to the bass; bluegill, black crappie, brown bullhead, and a few other species of warmwater gamefish offer great fishing throughout the summer and fall.

The Rogue Flyfishers will host an outing to Lake Selmac on Saturday May 20. We will meet at noon at the main boat ramp on the south side of the lake. To get there, turn right off of Lake Shore Drive onto Reeves Creek Road and follow the road around the west side of the lake to the boat ramp. The Josephine County Parks Department charges a \$5.00 day-use fee, unless you have their annual pass.

Since most of the land around Lake Selmac is owned by the Josephine County Parks Department, there are plenty of good places to fish from the bank. A watercraft of some sort, however, will allow you to fish some areas that would be difficult to reach from the shore. You can use almost any type of watercraft on Lake Selmac. The lake is fairly small and has a five-mile-per-hour speed limit, so it is well suited to float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, and other small boats; however, it has boat ramps that are suitable for launching larger boats.

If you plan to target trout or panfish, a 3 to 5-weight rod would work well, but if you hook into a big bass, you may wish you had something heavier. For bass, a 6 to 8-weight rod would be a good choice. Since the lake is shallow and weedy, your floating and slow-sinking lines will be the most useful. The typical stillwater patterns should work for the trout. For the bass; bass bugs, poppers, rabbit-strip flies, woolly buggers, leeches, and streamers are usually effective. Crappie and bluegill will take small woolly buggers, wet flies, and nymphs. Woolly buggers are usually effective for trout, crappie, bass, and almost anything else you may find in the lake. Also, remember to bring food, water, sun protection, and polarized glasses.

For those looking to relax, Lake Selmac is a peaceful place that offers the opportunity to catch a lot of fish. For those that like a challenge, the trophy-sized largemouth bass in the lake will test the skills of even the most experienced fly fishers. Come join your fellow club members for a fun day and give Lake Selmac a try.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Upper Williamson Outing Friday, June 2 to Monday, June 5



Looking for good walk or wade dry fly action away from early season crowds?

Upper Williamson River offers cold clearwater native rainbows, redbands, and brookies.

Six headwater springs join and run thru open meadows with few back cast snags.

Neighboring ranches upstream get \$75 to \$175 daily fishing fee; we're on public ground.

Coming late? Meet a guide Saturday NOON at USFS Head of the River Campground.

If you plan to stay overnight, come prepared. It's rustic, no toilets, no drinking water, no cell phones, but maybe

a rain shower. But you will meet the greatest guys for fun and friendship; expert tips on flies and technique; help hauling firewood, plus backup for what you forgot to bring and a welcoming Dutch Oven. Call John Ward (541) 884-2015 or Gary Graham (541) 512-1821 if interested

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DINNER MEETING VENUE CHANGE

We are excited to announce that our monthly Dinner Meetings will no longer be held at The Point Pub & Grill. **Beginning in June** they will be held at:

Centennial Golf Club 1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

The menu looks great and the price will remain the same. The Club is happy to have us and has provided a few other benefits as well.

- Buffet Dinner \$22 per person includes entrée, two sides, salad, rolls and simple dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and soft drinks are also included.
- There is a full bar
- There are NO STAIRS to navigate the room is on the ground level
- They can accommodate seating up to 140
- Ample parking lot
- They have a large meeting area that seats over 200 for dinners that would be ideal for the annual auctions
- <u>BONUS</u>: Centennial Golf Club offered to let us utilize grass areas for casting lessons or seminars and a limited number of Catch and Release Days on the Clubs ponds for instructional classes or kids events.

RESERVATIONS are now REQUIRED for dinner

Please email your RSVP to icsrd303@gmail.com (give your name and how many for dinner).

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 <u>afternoons only.</u> RSVP'S need to be in **by Friday** preceding the meeting. Pay when you arrive. We will take cash or check, just as before.

Special Dietary Requests: email Theresa at tms1910@icloud.com or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

Monthly Dinner Meetings will remain on the third Wednesday of each month except May (auction), July (dark month) and August (Wine Dinner).

Social hour, dinner and program times will remain the same.

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

If you have any questions regarding this change in venue, please contact one of our board members via the "Contact Us" tab on the website www.rogueflyfishers.org

See you at Centennial Golf Club beginning June 21st!!

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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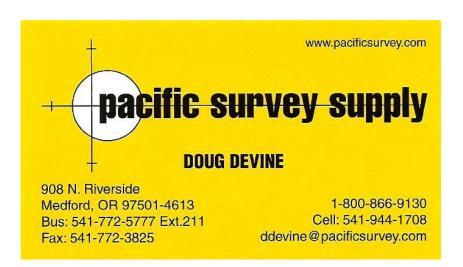
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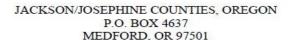
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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): Individual __ (\$35.00), Family __ (\$45.00), or Junior __ (under 18, \$5.00) Member. (Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; new members joining after June 30th 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.

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 __?

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