



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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ROGUE FLYFISHERS UPDATE

MARCH 17, 2020

Effective today, all Club Meetings, Classes and Events are cancelled thru the month of May. The Annual Auction has been rescheduled to September 12th. All Club Outings will remain on the schedule with some minor adjustments made to allow for these events without increasing any risk to those that participate. For those of you that signed up for the Sugar Creek Ranch Outing, you will be contacted by David Haight prior to the Outing. Please continue to watch the Website and BLOG for future news. .

We have decided to resume printing newsletters for those that get mailed newsletters.



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PERESIDNT'S MESSAGE FROM STEVE DAY

“ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN”

Last month, April 2020, I penned a Message titled “So.....Now What?” My response to that question today (ironically) is the title of my Message to you all from March of 2020, “I Truly Don’t Know Where I’m Going”. Bottom line is, I’m not sure anyone does.

I am hopeful most, if not all of you, are weathering this situation as well as can be expected. I have missed the Club Meetings and I’m looking forward to being able to meet again once it appears to be reasonable and safe to do so. With a little luck, maybe we can at least enjoy some of the great outings planned for later this year.

With that in mind, I would like to again emphasize the importance of signing up for the Club BLOG. The BLOG is the only conduit for timely information the Club has to offer. Signing up is simple. Go to the Club Website at rogueflyfishers.org. On the right side of the homepage you will find a link titled Rogue Flyfishers Blog. Click on that and follow the steps to sign up. The BLOG is where you will find the most up to date information on where we are going and what we are doing and hopefully soon we will be posting some good news.

Last November I authored a Message titled “A Reason For Hope”. This Message illustrated the dam removal process on the Elwha River in Washington State and the reemergence of Steelhead into that watershed. I provided a link to an article written by Rob Masonis titled, “The Phoenix in the Elwha River”.

<https://www.tu.org/blog/the-phoenix-in-the-elwha-river/>

This article has been followed up by a short film produced by Trout Unlimited and Northfork Studios that again illustrates the amazing things that can happen when we allow them to. The video is titled “Rising From The Ashes”. It can be found on YouTube or by clicking the following link. https://youtu.be/9t_m1myVBBQ It’s a great video. I’m sure you’ll enjoy it.

So where do we go from here? Well, “ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN”, I’m going fishing. You can do this without putting yourself or anyone else at risk.

Drive separately somewhere and meet your favorite fishing partner or go it alone. Being six feet apart in a boat is better than being six feet away from the television.

If you do decide to fish out of a boat, be mindful of some of the ramp closures. All of the USFS Ramps that I’m aware of are closed. Be sure to check current information before you go. Often times there are other options available to launch if you do a little research. If you have any questions please feel free to call me. If I know the answer, I’ll pass it along and if you’re lucky I’ll tell you another “ONE THING THAT IS FOR CERTAIN”. Otters really do like poultry!

That’s another story for another day. Be well, fish hard.

“I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result of someone taking me fishing”

What club members have been doing during the pandemic

Galesville reservoir

Jon Iverson and Kirk Kowalke visited Galesville reservoir, on 4/12 , both caught an assortment of planters and some healthy holdovers. Jon had his drift boat. Probably 10 other boats on lake. No restroom facilities and not charging a launch fee. Missing all our RFF activities, looking forward to picking up where we left off. Take care and tight lines.



Fish Lake

A friend and I have fished at Fish Lake a couple of times. The ramp is open and we have caught some decent fish. The campground is closed. There is presently no fee. It is cooler there, so a coat is a must. Not a lot of boats on the lake. It is a fun day, and close by.

Steve Ostrander

Outings Suspended through May

Due to the ongoing situation with Coronavirus, the Rogue Flyfishers will not hold any outings in May. The next outing remaining on our schedule will be to fish for smallmouth bass on the Umpqua River on June 20. Hopefully, the situation will improve by then and we will be able hold this outing as planned. For now, I hope everyone is staying well and that we will be able to get back together before too long.

David Haight, Outings Chair

On The Fly

Sweeney Todd (tied by Jamie McPhail)

Hook: Alex Jackson Silver size 3
Thread: UTC 140 Pink
Rib: Oval Silver Tinsel
Body: Black Floss
Thorax: Glo-Brite no.1 (magenta floss)
Throat: Dyed Red Hackle Fibers or Fox
Wing: Dyed Black Silver Fox or Squirrel
Sides: Grizzle Cock



Tying Instructions:

1. Start the pink thread about an eye width behind the eye and wrap down a little past the eye extension on the hook.
2. Tie in the rib and continue wrapping until even with the point of the hook.
3. Tie in the body floss with butt end equal about 1/2 the body length.
4. Tie down the floss ending at the 1/2 way point. Trim the end of the floss to 1/2 the length of the remaining body.
5. Wrap the rib, one turn around then 5 wraps to the end of the black floss and tie off.
6. Tie down both the rib and floss about 1/2 remaining body.
7. Strip off the silver from the rib and trim the core to floss length.
8. Tie down rib and floss to just short of the end of pink thread.
9. Tie on thorax thread at head and wrap back over tying thread (pink) and trim off end of tying thread.
10. Continue tying back to black floss tie down point and then back to the head...whip finish.
11. Use UV resin to cover the thorax and seal thorax with UV light.
12. Start black thread for finishing, slightly overlap thorax and tie in throat hackle, about 3/4 body length.
13. Tie on wing material, about 1 1/2 times body length.
14. Tie on sides about even with end of the hook and whip finish.
15. Sitck on eyes and seal with UV light.

YouTube video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-BuPycQSx0>

The Lac Pythonga Club by Tim Bolling

In 1977, I got invited to go fishing at the Lac Pythonga Club in Quebec, Canada. Lac Pythonga is located approximately 140 miles north of Ottawa, and until that year, the Lac Pythonga Club had a private lease on the lake and the surrounding area. At the time, I was living in Niagara Fall, NY and was invited by Tim Booth, a guy I had worked with at a foundry that his father owned. Both he and his dad were members of the Club and they invited somebody from the foundry on a fishing trip at the start of the season every year.

Tim and I left Niagara Falls very early one morning in May for the long drive to Lac Pythonga. We were joined by two other friends and both cars towed a boat. Lac Pythonga is a “Y” shaped lake, approximately 9 miles long. The Club is located on a peninsula on the lower third of the lake, just below where the lake widens to almost 2 miles across. The lower part of the lake and the two arms of the “Y” are pretty narrow.

The drive from Niagara Falls through Toronto and Ottawa was easy, and the road north from there to Gracefield was pretty good. We then turned west on a decent gravel road, which, while rough in some areas, was okay for about 20 miles. That last 20 miles into the Club, though, were another story. Normally that part of the road is maintained by the Club caretaker and his wife during the winter. However, he had a snowmobile accident that winter and broke his leg so that job was given to us, the first people up that road that spring! Now I understood why Tim had me put a come-a-long, chains, and an axe in the car when we left Niagara Falls! After clearing a few trees and repairing a bridge or two, we finally made it to the Lac Pythonga Club just in time for a quick dinner, a cocktail or two, and bed! While many of the members had built cabins, we stayed in the main lodge where there were comfortable rooms and the dining hall. Above the fireplace in the dining hall was a mount of what had been the world record lake trout, caught in Lac Pythonga years ago. At 63#, it wasn't actually very long, but the girth was amazing!

We were there primarily to fish for walleye, northern pike, and lake trout. We used light spinning gear and bait most of the time. There were also smallmouth bass in the lake and the occasional one we caught was a real bonus. In the evening, there would be a midge hatch in the bay in front of the lodge and whitefish would be rising all over. Tim Booth and I would grab our flyrods, push our boat away from the dock, and have fun catching some decent size fish until it finally got too dark to see! Don't let anybody tell you whitefish don't fight when caught. One day Tim and I lashed a canoe to our boat and portaged into a small lake across Lac Pythonga from the Club. It was full of brook trout and they weren't fussy what sort of fly you cast out to them.

After 5 days of some terrific fishing, we loaded everything up and made the long drive back to Niagara Falls. Unfortunately, I doubt fishing like we had is anything close to that now. As I mentioned, until the year I went there, the Lac Pythonga Club had that area under a private lease, which meant it was closed to the general public. The Quebec government decided the year previously that all areas should be opened up to all people and cancelled all the private leases. While there had always been some poaching at Lac Pythonga, it was obvious from the campsites we saw and the trotlines we pulled out of the lake (which were still illegal), that Lac Pythonga would be fished quite heavily from that point on. Maybe it's remote enough and big enough that it will be able to withstand that increased pressure, but I have serious doubts it will.

WANTED TO BUY

May 1989 issue of Fly Fisherman Magazine. If you have this issue around and would be willing to sell it, please contact Tim Bolling at timbolling328@gmail.com or ntny773tcb@aol.com.

RFF CASTING CLASSES 2020

For 12 years we have been having open casting with lessons every Monday evening thru the summer. We have a new venue for 2020. As soon as it is safe for us to gather again, we will have specific classes with signups. Classes will be limited to 6 casters; we will need a minimum of 3. You may sign up for one or more classes though we will try to spread the classes out to as many members as possible. The Classes are as follows:

THE BASIC CAST- This will be for anyone that needs help with the basic cast.

ROLL CAST- This will be an on the water lesson. You need a good roll cast to indicator fish still water. Think East Lake club outing.

PRESENTATION CAST We strive to eliminate slack in the cast...except for the presentation. Slack is necessary for a dead drift in dry fly fishing. We will also cover the tuck cast for nymphing.

DOUBLE HAUL- If you have a good solid cast and you have not added the double haul, you are missing out. The double haul allows both hands to put the bend in the rod.

DISTANCE- Who among us does not want to add distance to our cast? This lesson will focus on making the basic cast better and adding a few new techniques.

You may register for the classes at any time by emailing the instructor at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com. I will respond with a confirmation. The classes will be held on Monday evenings as soon as it is permissible for us to gather, hopefully by June 1.

April through June Outings

As we near the end of March, the situation and restrictions related to the Coronavirus outbreak are changing rapidly. Both Oregon and California have issued "Stay at Home" orders, which affect our ability to hold outings. As a result, we are working with The Fly Shop and the members who have paid to go to Sugar Creek Ranch to reschedule that outing to a later date when hopefully the situation has improved. The Beginning Fly Fishing Class we were planning for May will be cancelled for the time being. We will see about rescheduling this class once our lives get back to a more normal routine. As it stands now, the next outing still on our schedule will be to the Umpqua River on June 20 to fish for smallmouth bass. Hopefully this crisis will be subsiding by then and we will be able to hold this outing as scheduled; however, the Board of Directors will be monitoring the situation and will make a decision about this outing and other events as we get closer to that time.

While Oregon's "Stay at Home" order requires people to stay home except to take care of essential business, it does allow us to go outside to get exercise as long as we comply with "social distancing" requirements. I looked at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website, and as of March 24, it said we can go fishing as long as we follow those "social distancing" requirements. People that are not living in the same residence should not ride in the same vehicle or boat and should stay at least six feet apart. It did say a number of parks, boat ramps, and recreational facilities will be closed. ODFW advised anglers to stay close to home, stay away from high-use areas, find another location to fish if there are already a number of people at the location you intended to fish, and to contact the land manager of the location where you would like to go to find out about closures or restrictions. We should also remember that Coronavirus can survive for several days on surfaces, so if you go out, try to avoid touching things that others may have touched, and use proper hygiene—especially sanitize your hands.

I look forward to seeing everyone when the club can get back to a normal schedule. Until then, stay safe!

Auction News

While the auction has been postponed until September 12th, there are still plenty of things to do. Time we will be short once the stay at home orders get lifted. Primary among those things to do has been preparation for resuming our solicitation of donations. That's meant updating donation lists and seeing what businesses have already donated and which haven't. Just as soon as the Auction Committee can get back out there, we need to have current information so those places that have donated aren't asked to donate again!

We've already gotten lots of good items but there is plenty of work still to be done. It was evident when solicitations started in early February that some small businesses were already being cautious and were starting to cut back on donations for a number of reasons. Given the severe financial hit that many small businesses have taken, once solicitations can start up again, most likely some of those companies that have donated in the past just won't be able to donate anything this year. To that end, I'm asking everybody to look around their house and think about an item or two that is in good condition that maybe you just don't use that often anymore. Please consider donating it to the auction this year. Remember, it does not necessarily have to be fishing related. Homemade goods are also welcome. Another idea that would be to purchase a gift card or other item from a restaurant, winery, or other small business and donate that. The only thing I would ask would be that you hold off on any donations for now. While there are some encouraging signs that this current health crisis is starting to ease, we need to be sure that we'll still be able to hold the auction in September!

Tim Bolling
Auction Chairman

2020 RFF Membership

Thank you RFF members for renewing your membership and a big "Welcome" to all our new members.

We currently have 121 memberships, including 8 Life Honorary memberships , 86 individual memberships and 27 family memberships!

The new 2020 RFF Directories were mailed out to all members on April 14, 2020. If you find an error, please let me know so I can make sure it is corrected on next year's directory.

Now, Covid-19, please go away so we can resume our wonderful monthly meetings. I hope you are all finding opportunities to get outside and drop a line.

Don Dabney
Membership Chair

For Sale

Scadden Excaliber XX with frame and trailer \$3950

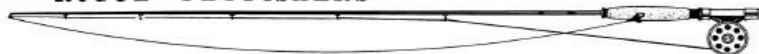


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Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

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,

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