

MAY 2022

Rogue Flyfishers

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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PROGRAM

See you at the club picnic
May 14 at TouVelle

Try our outings:
Check the Club Calendar for more
Information

Owyhee River May 27-29

Crane Prairie June 17-19



In partnership with
Temple Fork Outfitters

President's Message from David Haight

I hope everyone is getting the opportunity to go out on the water and enjoy the fishing that this season has to offer. With the extremely low water levels in many of our lakes and low flows in our streams, the recent stretch of cool, rainy weather is certainly welcome. While we are a long way from getting the amount of water we need, every little bit helps.

As I stated last month, the usual location for our monthly meetings, Centennial Golf Course, is not available to us for the next several months due to league play on Wednesdays. Consequently, your club's Directors have been looking for other opportunities for the club to meet: On April 21, we joined the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers at their fly-tying meeting. It was a fun event, and attendees enjoyed watching and learning from some of the best tyers from the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Flyfishers. On Saturday May 14, we will have a barbeque/picnic hosted by Steve Day at Tou Velle State Park. We are inviting members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers to join us there. Look for details in this newsletter. We will have a traditional dinner meeting, with a program and raffle, on Wednesday June 22 at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Note that this will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month instead of our usual third Wednesday. This change was made to avoid a conflict with our June outing to Crane Prairie Reservoir. We anticipate being able to return to Centennial and our normal meeting schedule in September, after our usual summer break.

For those of you wondering how the outing to the Sacramento River went, unfortunately, it didn't happen. Our guides called and advised we cancel due to poor weather and very high winds forecast for the day of the outing. We will have to try again, maybe next year, since this is such a great fishery. We will, however, have a couple of great outings in May: On May 7, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have invited us to join them at their outing to Copeland's Pond—a private pond that has terrific fishing for bass and panfish. You must RSVP to attend, so look for details in this newsletter or the recent blog posting. Then from May 27 to 29, Mike Masters will lead us to the Owyhee River—one of the best brown trout fisheries in the region. Mike fishes the Owyhee frequently and knows how to catch fish there. This should be a great outing for those of us that have been wanting to give this fishery a try.

I am very pleased to announce we now have a Treasurer: Rex Thompson has volunteered to take on that role. Thank you Rex!



Southern Oregon Fly Tyers

Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:00 PM

8401 Old Stage Road, Gold Hill

At the May meeting, Dave Roberts will be our demonstration fly tyer of the evening. Dave is our representative to the Oregon Council of the FFI. Dave is also the recipient of the Stan Walters Memorial Tyer of the Year in 2013. You don't want to miss this one. We asked Dave what he would tie for us. This is his answer.



Most likely dry flies and I will have several tied up so they can choose what they would like to see. All the flies will be from the Upper Rogue and some will be a surprise to a lot of people.

Now that the Pandemic has subsided perhaps we can get back to somewhat normal activities. Some of us and our family members have underlying conditions so please feel free and comfortable in wearing a mask.

Flies for Water Watch Auction

We are using this perfect venue for no fee other than flies donated to Water Watch. All that material you have stashed away needs a new home. The people who bid on these flies may or may not fish so do not be afraid to be colorful and creative. We have fly boxes to put them in. We need Water Watch to keep on doing their magic.

Keep Reading

This message will be in the blog and also sent as an email. Contact your fly tyer friends to make sure they got the word. Sometimes these emails get sent to spam. We can talk about spam at the meeting. (blog link)<http://soflytyers.blogspot.com>



WE'RE INVITED! COPELAND POND, MAY 7th

Southern Oregon Fly Fishers have invited us to their Copeland Pond Outing on Saturday, May 7th. Because of this special opportunity to enjoy this special fishery, many club members consider this to be their favorite outing of the year.

You can arrive any time after 8:30. At noon the Club will provide hamburgers, chips and drinks. Those attending are requested to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

To attend this wonderful event, RSVP's must be made to Dan Egleston by May 1st at (541) 659-7890 or by email at danegleston7@gmail.com.

For additional information see the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Newsletter, March Edition, at soff.org.

AUCTION NEWS

OCTOBER 8, 2022

JACKSON COUNTY EXPO

PADGHAM PAVILION

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction close at 5:30 PM

Dinner Buffet (by Back Porch Bar & Grill) at 5:40 PM

Live Auction starts at 6:45 PM

Tickets are \$ 30.00 and go on sale 7/1/22

WE'RE HAVING A BBQ, AUCTION AND CASTING GAMES !

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 14TH @ 1:00

WHERE: TOUVELLE STATE PARK PAVILLION

WHAT: BBQ CHICKEN OR RIBS AND FIXINS

COST: TEN BUCKS A HEAD, PAY AT THE GATE

DETAILS: Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food and chillin. Meals will be served around 4:00. Water will be provided but if you want something else, you'd better bring it.

The silent auction will include a raft trip, great gear and a bunch of other stuff!

The Casting Games will be provided by none other than our resident Casting Guru, Johnny Mac! Bring your 5 weight, fly rod or use one of ours, for a chance to win some great prizes.

Reservations are a must, so you'll need to RSVP to Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661) 742-5835. RSVP's need to be in by Wednesday evening, May 11th. Please indicate if you'd prefer BBQ'd Chicken or BBQ'd Ribs. If you RSVP and don't show up, we'll hunt you down and collect our ten bucks!

Don't miss out ! Come on out and enjoy !

CASTING LESSONS AND COMPETITION AT THE PICNIC
RFF Casting Chair John MacDiarmid

The club picnic is the perfect time to shake out the fly rods at the beginning of the season and have some fun completing in the 5Wt Game casting challenge.

LOOP CONTROL AND DOUBLE HAUL CLASSES

Can you slow your cast way down in a large loop and present a tiny dry fly lightly on the surface while fishing the evening hatch in a high mountain lake? Can you cast fast, tight loops for speed, accuracy and distance from the deck of a flats boat? Just how do you control loops? What is the mechanics? Loop control is at the very heart of casting and we will explore this topic beginning at 12 noon prior to the picnic. Bring your 5Wt. , 9' or shorter rod with a 5Wt line. If you have mastered loop control and have not added the double haul to your cast, the double haul class is for you. Basically the haul increases the rod load(bend) with the line hand. Used correctly, it complements the rod bend you achieve with the casting hand. With it you can tighten your loops and increase your line speed, two very useful upgrades when casting in the wind. Bring your 5 or 6 wt rod and a fly line 2 sizes up. That is, a 7wt. Line for your 5Wt. Rod. These classes will be conducted simultaneously, you cannot take both.

5WT. GAME

This casting game was developed by the American Casting Association so we can challenge ourselves to cast better. It consist of a accuracy section, casting to 5 rings followed by a distance section where the longest cast collects the most points. It is truly fun to compete and watch. Equipment is limited to a 5wt rod 9' or shorter and a 5wt. Line.

OWYHEE RIVER OUTING – MAY 27, 28, 29

You are correct, it is quite a drive to get there...8-9 hours depending on how you drive. However, it can be a wonderful couple of days of breathtaking views and perhaps some very large Browns. If not the big boys, there are plenty of 12" – 20" fish. Afternoon bite could be a PMD hatch, or the multitudes of midges for dry fly action. Last May yielded fish on stripping buggars, nymphing chironomids, pheasant tail nymphs, BH hares ear patterns, and then be ready with dry flies when the time is right. General size flies I've found to work are between 14 - 20s. Though throwing large streamers slowly across the bottom can produce some pretty large fish in the early mornings and once the sun is off the water in the early evening.

Camping is all along the river on BLM land, I will try to get the larger areas as the Host campsite. It is all dry camping. I will be giving details to those of you interested in coming out via text messages.

I will be hosting this trip in Eastern Oregon. There will be breakfast burritos on Saturday morning starting at 9am at my trailer and I'm planning on a pot luck dinner on Saturday. I will bring a grill and charcoal, you bring your own meat and something to share.

Please RSVP so I can send out the info of where my trailer will be set up and other details of the fishing there.

My plans are to be there the Monday before so I can find a suitable campsite large enough for those who RSVP.

Mike Masters 541-261-2243
mmasters2243@charter.net



CRANE PRAIRIE OUTING

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2022



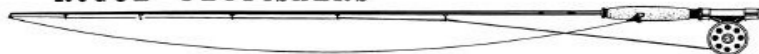
Come join us for our big summer outing of the year. Crane Prairie Reservoir will again be our destination in June. The Official Base Camp for this Outing will be Rock Creek Campground, Space 10. Your Hosts will be there from Sunday, June 12th through Sunday, June 19th. Please feel free to come by anytime, for any reason.

Rock Creek Campground is located at the southwest corner of the lake and reservations are currently being accepted through www.recreation.gov. Quinn River and Cultus Lake campgrounds are also very close. If you are planning on attending, I would recommend making reservations soon as this area fills up quickly.

Come on out, fish, fellowship and enjoy. For more information contact Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or (661) 742-5835.



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Field & Stream	293 Rossanley Drive Medford	541-930-3254
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** ___?

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