



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

No Dinner Meeting
This Month
Owyhee River
Outing
5/17-5/21

There will be a Club picnic on
June 10th

The next Club dinner meeting
will be September 20th

President's Message from David Haight

Spring offers some of the best fishing opportunities of the year, especially in many of our local still-water fisheries. Many of our higher elevation lakes are still covered with ice, but that should be melting soon. The valley-floor and mid-elevation reservoirs, lakes, and ponds are hitting their prime. The water temperatures are warming to their ideal range, the aquatic insects are coming out, the bass and panfish are becoming active, ODFW has recently stocked most of the lakes with trout, and the wild trout are feeding heavily after the long winter. Plus, the water levels are much better after the wetter winter we experienced.

To take advantage of all this great fishing, we have several outings on the Schedule in May and June. It starts on May 6 with an outing to Copeland's Pond—a private pond near Grants Pass that offers great fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill. Then in Mid-May, Mike Masters is leading an outing to the Owyhee River, which is well known for its outstanding brown trout fishery. The outing to Lemolo Lake scheduled for the first weekend in June will be postponed due to the host attending a granddaughter's graduation that weekend. Look for an announcement when it is rescheduled. Also in early June, Dave McCants will lead an outing to the Upper Rogue during the salmonfly hatch. In mid-June, we will have our big summer camping trip. By popular demand, it will be at Diamond Lake this year. In addition to the quality rainbow fishery, Diamond Lake has been producing trophy-sized tiger and brown trout in recent years.

The Rogue Flyfishers was a major sponsor for the "Celebrate the Rogue" event—the Rogue River Watershed Council's big fund-raising event for the year. Fourteen members represented Rogue Flyfishers at the April 29th gala, which raised over \$33,000. The watershed council does a tremendous amount of good work to improve the health of the streams and the habitat for fish and other organisms in the Rogue Basin, and I'm proud we are able to support their efforts.

We had a good number of members complete the RFF member survey. I am happy that the responses were overwhelmingly positive. Many of the respondents said what they liked most about the club is relationships they developed with fellow fly anglers and the knowledge they have gained from being in the club. A large majority said they wanted dinner and beverages at the meetings, were happy with Centennial, and like the general format of the meetings. Most members felt that supporting conservation and education programs, having outings, and offering classes are important. Attracting and retaining new and younger members was identified as one of the biggest needs of the club going forward. We received a lot of good information about the specific interests of the club members, and many good suggestions for improvements. The Board of Directors will be going through the surveys in detail, and looking at ways to enhance the club based on the information we received.

Please remember that we will not be meeting again at Centennial until September. Our next big event, besides the outings mentioned above, will be the barbeque on Saturday June 10. We will also look at the possibility of having some sort of gathering later in the summer.

I hope all of you are enjoying the spring, and are getting out on the water and catching some fish!



Emigrant Lake Outing

Wednesday, June 21, 2023



Come out and have some fun on the local pond. Emigrant Lake is close by. It can be fished from a boat or from shore. You may get a tug from crappie, smallmouth, largemouth, perch or trout. You can “bobber fish” (fly under an indicator) or strip leeches/wooly buggers/streamers on a sinking line or troll your favorite stillwater pattern.

The park is a fee area (\$4/day). If you have an annual Jackson County Parks pass, you’re good. We’ll meet at the North boat ramp at 10am. It’s the last stop before the campground at The Point. Depending on lake level there may be some parking off the left side of the ramp. If not, park near the top of the ramp. I’ll suggest places to try whether you’re on foot or will be fishing from a boat or float tube/’toon boat.

Gear wise, the fish aren’t too picky. A 5, 6 or 7 wt rod matched with a floating and/or intermediate sinking line is good. The crappie seem to find a brown balanced leech, #8 or #10, under an indicator hard to resist. Bring plenty of water to drink. Apply sunscreen before you get there.

If you are interested in attending, please email Doug Bolgiano at c177b803_krnt@ymail.com to get on the list. Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list a week before the outing.

An Introduction To The Art, Science and Joy of Fly Fishing

John Pogue and John MacDiarmid will conduct a fly fishing class for beginners on Saturday May 6. In this one day class participants will learn everything needed to fish the Rogue for steelhead and trout. The class will cover wading 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 them but do not buy equipment for the class. We will answer the question, what rod should I buy? The club has rods for the class, let the instructor know if you need a rod. 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.

You must be a current member of the Rogue Flyfishers to take this class. You can join on line at the club's website. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the cost of a small book, The Curtis Creek Manifesto .

The class will be held on May 6 from 9 to 3:30 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park club house. The park is located at 8401 Old Stage Road not far from Gold Hill.

Email John MacDiarmid at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com to register for the class. Questions? Call John at 541-840-0183. There will be a limit of 12 students, you must be pre registered to attend.

Proposed Outing for Rogue River Salmon Fly Hatch June 3rd, 2023 – Dave (Bear) McCants

I believe it has been a while since we have done an outing for the salmon fly hatch on the Rogue River.

I would like those who would like to fish that hatch this year to join me at Casey Park (up highway 62 past the Trail Market) at 9am. I recommend a 6 or 5 weight rod with a weight forward line as we will be throwing very large bugs for large fish. Leaders should be 9-foot 2x or 3x as the strikes and be vicious.

This will be a “from shore” walk and wade trip and we should be casting along shore unless the water is high again this year.

We can break for lunch at 1pm and get burritos and tacos at the Trail Market. Breakfast burritos can also be had when you drive up to meet me at Casey Park.

We should break off in groups of 2 and fish shorelines from Casey all the way up to Lost Creek Dam (Holy Water, barbless hooks and catch and release only on that section of river).

For those that want to fish after lunch we can go back up around 2ish and begin again.

I will try to have a simple map for folks to use too. Flies can be bought at local shops and Sportsman's Warehouse. Adult Salmon flies will be needed and some dropper nymphs too. For those tiers, you can find the three dry's I use on the Southern Oregon Fly Tyers website under Dave McCants. Video's to follow shortly.

If would like to sign up for the outing, please email me or call me at: Davetyer177@gmail.com or 541-973-3508.

Let's have some fun!

Status of 2023 Membership

We are pleased to report we have a total of 172 RFF members!

We thank you for your membership and asked that each of you continue to encourage friends to join us.

The 2023 RFF Directories are now available and will be distributed to members at our meetings.

Don Dabney
RFF Membership

SAVE THE DATE !

**ROGUE FLYFISHERS / SOUTHERN OREGON FLY FISHERS
JOINT CLUB BBQ**

JUNE 10TH, TOM PEARCE PARK

FOOD, FUN, RAFFLE & AUCTION

DETAILS COMING SOON



Auction Donation Items Needed!

If you would like to donate time to host a day of fishing or if you have items of value for auction, please contact Tammy Dedrick prior to June 5th.

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

In the last newsletter, I discussed the what it costs us to have a program and dinner meeting at Centennial Golf Club. A comment was made to me after that article appeared that maybe we should just have a meeting and program then, without a dinner if we don't make anything on the food. There are two problems with that. First, we would still have the cost of the speaker which can be as much as \$ 500.00 or more. Second, Centennial Golf Club does not charge us anything for use of the room because we have a meal. If we eliminated the dinner, we would then have to pay something just for use of the room. That's assuming they would even consider essentially just renting us the space.

In the last newsletter was a Membership Survey. Part of the reason for that survey was to determine what you, the members of Rogue Flyfishers look for at our meetings. We do not have a contract with Centennial Golf Club so if a different location would be better suited for what people are looking for at our meetings, let us know. However, don't just say we should look at this civic building or church or whatever. We need specific recommendations. Believe me, both the current Board and past Board have looked at a number of different locations but nothing so far makes any economic sense.

At the last Board meeting, we received and approved a \$ 2500.00 grant to WaterWatch of Oregon. This money will be used for a number of different projects, primarily removal of a number of dams on tributaries of the Rogue, Applegate, and Illinois Rivers. In addition, we sold 8 of the 10 seats for the Celebrate the Rogue dinner put on by the Rogue River Watershed Council, plus received donations covering the 2 seats that we gave away during the last meeting. All \$ 600.00 will be donated to RRWC to "move the salmon up the river" during the dinner.

RFF Invited to Copeland's Pond Outing

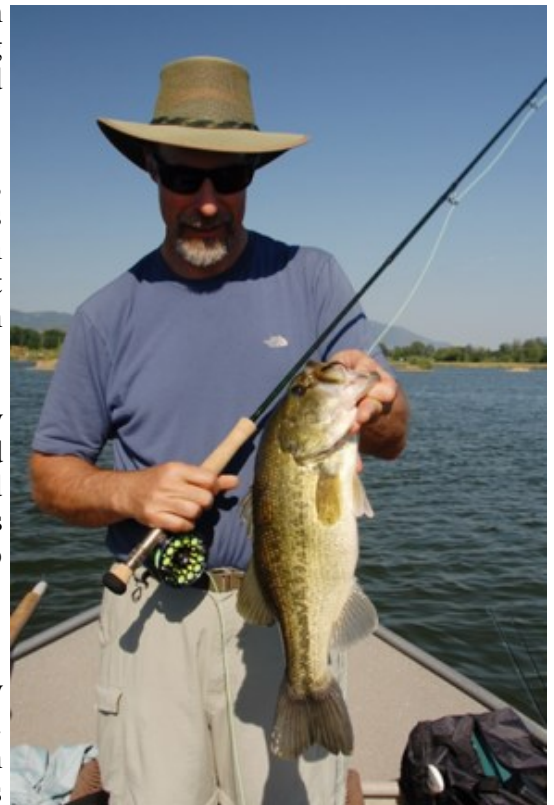
The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers hosts an outing to Copeland's Pond each year. The private Pond west of Grants Pass offers outstanding fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill. This year, SOFF has invited members of the Rogue Flyfishers to join them at the May 6 outing.

There will be a potluck barbeque at the event. SOFF will provide burgers, and participants are asked to bring a side or desserts to share. SOFF needs to know how many burgers to buy, so if you want to participate, call Dan Egleston at 541-659-7890 ASAP. If you do sign up, be sure to attend. Last year there were a lot of no-shows, which caused the club to buy too much food.

There are some good-sized largemouth bass in the pond. This is a strictly catch and release outing, so the fishery is maintained. A 4 to 5 weight fly rod is recommended, but a 6 weight may be helpful for throwing big flies and pulling large bass out of the cover. Woolly Buggers, streamers, and poppers are all effective. Fishing is best from a floating device, and folks show up with everything from float tubes to bass boats.

For boaters with power boats there are speed restrictions..

Copeland's Pond is located at 1000 Applegate Ave. It can be accessed by either going west from Grants Pass on Redwood Highway to Applegate Ave. and turning right, or by heading west on Leonard Rd. to the confluence with Applegate Ave. The gate opens at 8:30am, but it would be helpful for folks to plan their arrival at around 9:00.



2023 OWYHEE RIVER OUTING – MAY 17 - 21

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. We will do a potluck early dinner on Saturday. I will provide brats. I will be giving further details to those of you interested in coming out via text messages.

Please text me at 541-261-2243 or email at mmasters2243@charter.net

Mike Masters – Host

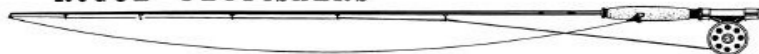


Upcoming Schedule

No Club Meeting May Through August
No board Meeting in July or August
Club Board Meeting; 5/3, 9/6
SO Fly Tyers meeting 5/9, 6/13
No fly tyers meeting July or August
Outings: Copeland Ponds 5/6
Owyhee River 5/17
Lemolo Lake 6/1
Salmon Fly 6/9
Diamond Lake 6/17-6/19
Upper Klamath Lake 7/12
Emigrant Lake 7/21
Events; Intro to Fly Fishing Class 5/6
Club Picnic 6/10

Check the Club Calendar for more information

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The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
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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** _____

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

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