



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

Don't forget the meeting is
November 14
 Eduardo Barrueto



Eduardo started fishing with his father when he was 4 years old and got his first fishing rod for his 5th birthday, marking his destiny. He began fly fishing and fly tying as early as 17. After being a lawyer for 3 years, he decided to go back to his roots and now runs a fly fishing lodge in Patagonia called Magic Waters Patagonia. The lodge provides world class dry fly fishing for brown, rainbow trout and steelhead. He is active in Water Watch, Wild Fish conservation and Patagonia without Dams.

Check out his website:

www.magicwaterspatagonia.com

President's Message—November 2012 by Kellie Christensen

It's that time of year again— the leaves are changing colors and falling off the trees, rain is coming down and the steelhead are running like CRAZY! It's amazing to be in the same waters a couple of months later in the year and find them teeming with these beautiful feisty fish. As I shiver in my "winter" clothes while my body does its usual horribly slow job of adapting to a drop in temperatures, I marvel at the determination and stamina of some of our most beloved finned friends.

Can you imagine for a moment what it would be like to possess that kind of instinct and strength? To begin way back in the evolutionary chain as a river inhabiting rainbow trout and end up a fish that heads to the ocean and returns to the rivers of its origins to spawn in two or three years? We are talking about miles and miles of uphill maneuvering though every kind of obstacle—created by Mother Nature and humans alike. An analogy of what the steelhead's journey must be like would be to imagine oneself as a participant in a car/truck demolition derby—devoid of the vehicle that absorbs the repeated impacts. Think about it—just your human body being slammed over and over again while you insist on remaining in the game with the goal of being whole and victorious at the end.. Makes me feel bruised and worn out just contemplating it!

I find it hard to maneuver in moving water above my knees despite good boots and a sturdy walking staff and I weigh much more than the largest of these fish. My body type is exactly what Olympic coaches would tell you makes for an exceptional swimmer—long legs and arms, lots of good muscle tone etc. I have been affectionately referred to as a "fish" for most of my life because of my predilection and natural ability for swimming and water sports and yet I could not nor foolishly would not begin to attempt swimming in the conditions that face the mighty steelhead. How can a creature of that size succeed in conquering the over-powering elements that present themselves in the course of that journey and then, unbelievably, possess the wherewithal to spawn? I don't think a "not tonight dear, I have a headache" is applicable here.

In what might be referred to as the "piece de resistance" these fish arrive after months of this grueling journey looking beautiful and healthy. How is this possible?

It is no wonder that folks that fly fish are so reverent in their regard for the health of these fish. We recognize the supreme steelhead for exactly what it is—the demigod of fishes. It is with the greatest respect and appreciation that we land these fish and ever so gently return them to the water. To be part of this miracle of life is a privilege and one that sadly, most folks will never know. To you, oh mighty steelhead, my fishing hat is off. I salute you for the unique and beautiful master that you are.

So Many Fish, So Little Time November

Steelheading on the upper Rogue promises exceptional fishing, if you happen to hit it right... One guide up here hooked 10, landed seven to 27 inches, following a day in which his boat didn't touch a fish. Vice President Mike Masters enjoyed landing three to 30 inches, which he called "a good day". Well, I guess so. And so steelies are running larger compared with recent years, and some days can be memorable. But then, there are those other days too. Last week Jon Iverson, who won a prize at the RFF steelhead tournament for catching a big fish, and I drifted the upper river, didn't hook any steelhead but enjoyed some excellent action during a hatch off the old Obsolete J Ranch using mostly soft hackles. And so this is an excellent season to get out and try your luck. But here's a bit of advice: If your line or indicator stop drifting downstream and you set the hook only to find yourself snagged on the bottom, HOLD ON! Even an experienced angler can be momentarily fooled by these big hogs!

Thank you and Auction Results:

Despite the obvious difficulties in having an auction in October (Salmon season, Beaver's game, animal shelter auction the same night etc.) your club was able to generate what looks to be almost \$7000 in revenue. This was generously given by the 75 people in attendance and a HUGE thank you to them for stepping up and bidding.

Thanks to all club members who donated items for this year's auction. We couldn't have done it without your generosity, and as always, we will put the funds to good use as we continue our conservation efforts in 2013.

Mike Masters and I would like to thank the following people for their selfless help:

"Night of the Auction" Volunteers: Jack and Jan Rowe, Jim Hardy, Sonya Nisson, Curt Schlosser, and John and Julie MacDiarmid. Mike's beautiful wife and 4 of Mike's friends worked the silent auction all night and were rewarded with a free meal. Not much compensation for non club members who worked so hard! They are Pam Masters, Jennifer and Craig Sweet and Joyce and Scott Eason.

Auction Committee: Sony Nisson, Bob Shuck, Jim Hardy, Mike Le Tourneau.

Auctioneer: A Texas size thanks to our cowboy Randy Dodge who volunteered one week before the auction and did a TREMENDOUS job! He was talented, funny and very entertaining and it was much more profitable because of him!

"Fly guys" who created/donated all the flies used in our centerpieces that every guest got to keep: Dan Kellogg, Dick Bonamarte and Will Johnson. The flies were AWESOME and so are you!

A very special thank you to Pam Masters for putting up with a living room that looked like someone dumped the contents of an unpaid storage unit into! She is a VERY understanding and patient lady and we appreciate her tolerance— again this year!

Thanks to the staff of the Red Lion who did a wonderful job in making our vision materialize.

Thanks to Steve Ostrander and Tom Collette for their timely creation of auction emails and printings.

As it goes with events like this, a couple of people did the hardest part of the work. I would like to thank, on behalf of our entire club, Mike Masters who worked for MONTHS procuring items, cataloging them, delivering them to his home and storing them for us in addition to helping with a myriad of other duties. He and I met several times for extended sessions and unless you were a "fly on the wall" you cannot appreciate the scope of his efforts. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL AND WILL BE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM AS OUR NEW PRESIDENT IN 2013! Thank you Mike. Mere words are not adequate for what you did.

Learned Something Today

By Otis D. Swisher

I learned something today while at one of my favorite bank fishing spots on the upper river.

It was cold! I mean icicle-for-fingers cold! Mid thirties. Rime covered the grasses and tree branchlets, ice covered the farm ponds, and the rocks along the river bank shone like the flocking one puts on a Christmas tree.

Still, in a half hour, I raised two nice Cutthroat with my #16 O's Blue Dun, the fly with dun-colored fibbets for the tail which I always cut long (nearly an inch on a #16 appears to be disproportional to the small-size body; but, when I watch the small dun colored Mayflies careen past me I am always impressed with the shine of their tails in the sunlight.)

Then, I was joined by a friend who fishes this same spot regularly; and, it was from him I learned my lesson(s) for the day.

"Mind if I fish through?" he asked. "Go to it. Show me how", I said. And show me how he did. In less than 10 minutes he landed 5 nice Cutthroat; the first was a good 13-incher. And all were larger than the two fish I had landed earlier.

So what did I learn? I had been fishing mid-river. That slot had three hardware fishers pounding the area off and on. As is typical they had retrieved their spoons very speedily through the area closer to shore over and over again, without success.

My friend, however fished that water closer to our bank in what I would class as "frog water"...little or no current. This was the same water un-fished at the extreme speed on the retrieve by the hardware guys hurrying to reel in for another cast.

His technique? It seemed to me that he was hardly moving the fly on the "strip". If I were to liken it to any movement, it would be "less than half an inch". I mean, you'd think the fish would be down there saying "hurry it up, I'm getting tired of waiting". But, no, it was just what they wanted.

And, as for the "take downs" they were practically imperceptible. No ring. No splash. Just the slight movement of the line separated the "was that a fish take"? from "That Was a Fish Take".

But the gentle rises gave way to vigorous top-water activity so typical of a Cutthroat compared with a Rainbow. I feel the Cutts fight the more aggressively.

So, what did I learn? Forget your habitual way of fishing your favorite spots. Step back. Watch some one new. Critique his technique. And, as importantly, find out what fly he is using. A slight change in pattern may make a difference.

PS My friend had a 29 fish day a few days earlier. All were Cutthroat. All on a personally modified Orvis Blue-winged Olive. I'm glad he let me watch so I could learn from him.

12 December, 2011

SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is November 13, 2012. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass

FLY TYING CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

The RFF will again offer fly tying classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, at no cost to the participants. Classes will be held at the Downtown Medford Library on 6 consecutive Thursdays evenings starting on January 10th at 6 pm. Each student is required to provide their own vise, tools and light. This a great opportunity for you, your children or grandchildren to learn the skills to tie your own flies for the first time or to increase your knowledge and skills to tie better ones. Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings in November and December or you can e-mail me at fly-guy@eznorthwest.com to reserve your spot. I expect the classes to be full again this year.



Robert Parker

RFF Helps at KIDS & BUGS-2012

Great Kids, Great Weather & Great Fun at the 7th annual Kids and Bugs-2012 in Medford, October 13. Bear Creek Watershed Council again organized the event.

Eight RFF members turned out to teach eager youngsters how to tie Woolly Buggers, and how to cast flies on grass to the new fish silhouette targets Mike Masters arranged. Ken Bonsi suggested using pedestal bases for the vises; these proved much easier to locate at a comfortable distance for both coach and tyer.

Participants included **Ken Bonsi, Dick Chambers, Tom Collett, John Hamilton, Steve Haskell, Mike Masters, Robert Parker, and John Ward.**



Tom Collett



Volunteers, left to right, Dick Chambers, John Hamilton, Steve Haskell, Robert Parker, Mike Masters, and Tom Collett.



Steve Haskell



John Hamilton

On The Fly

November 2012

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Beadhead Serendipity

Hook: Daiichi 1130, Curved scud, 14-20.
Bead: Gold, size to match hook.
Thread: 8-0 brown.
Body: Olive Z-Lon twisted.
Thorax: Natural Hare's mask fur dubbing.



Tying Instructions

- Step 1: Mash the barb, slip a bead on the hook small hole first, and mount the hook in the vise.
- Step 2: Start the thread just behind the bead and build up enough thread to hold the bead in place up against the eye. A drop of head cement here will help also.
- Step 3: Select a length of Z-Lon or poly yarn, thin it to match the hook size, and tie it on top of the hook shank just behind the bead. Bind it down rearward to a point half way around the hook bend. Return the thread forward to behind the bead.
- Step 4 Grab the poly yarn material with a hackle pliers about 2 inches below the hook shank and spin clockwise until the fibers are twisted into a tight rope. With the hackle pliers wind the rope forward in touching turns to the bead. Tie off and trim excess.
- Step 5: Dub a small amount of hares ear dubbing to the thread and wind on forming a thorax about 1/8" wide. Tie off and remove excess dubbing.
- Step 6: Whip finish just behind the bead, cement, and pick out a few guard hairs on the thorax.

The Beadhead Serendipity is one of many variations of the Serendipity that is actually an old pattern from Europe where it is known as a Buzzer. The late Ross Marigold, a Madison River guide, is credited as the creator of today's version. The pattern started out as a smooth floss body of brown or olive with a gold wire ribbing. Ross added a clipped deer hair wing to the fly just behind the eye. Later, he modified the body with a twisted floss or Antron yarn to give the appearance of a segmented body and spun the deer hair for the head. In 1988 Ross introduced the fly to Craig Mathews of Blue Ribbon Flies utilizing Z-Lon for the body. In the version listed above we have replaced the deer hair head with a beadhead and a hare's ear thorax.

Beadhead nymphs attract trout in a couple ways that standard nymphs do not. They add extra weight to take the fly down quickly but most important the bead resembles a flash that many natural nymphs and pupae acquire when they create a bubble of air between their inner and outer skins just before emergence. Some feel that a bead also adds a jigging action that the trout like. Whatever the reasons, they do work very well. Any standard nymph can be tied with a bead added to the head.

Tying Tips

Since the Beadhead Serendipity imitates a wide range of aquatic insects a wise man would do well to tie several in all four sizes. The trick here is to create a rope that is proportionate to the hook size. Just adjust the quantity of poly fibers selected from the hank. Color variations include olive, brown and copper colors or mixtures of two or more. Australian opossum dubbing can be substituted for the Hare's ear. This is an easy tie using common and inexpensive materials. So tie some up, give them a test flight and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com)
www.tyerstoolshop.com

Board Positions and Officers Needed for 2013

As you know, several of the Rogue Flyfishers board members and officers positions are ending in December of this year. In order to remain an active 501 C3 Non Profit Club we MUST fill these position and elect new officers in December, 2012.

The following board positions will need to be filled:

We have three board positions that will be vacated. Dave Roberts has volunteered for one and will need to be voted in by the membership at our December dinner meeting. Board duties consist of attending the board meetings the first Wednesday of the month for 2 hours and offering input to help guide our board in making decisions. Board terms are two years.

Open Officers Positions:

President: Mike Masters has agreed to serve as your new club president and will require your votes at the December dinner meeting.

Vice President: Mike has asked Kellie Christensen to fill this position for one year and she has agreed pending your votes at the December dinner meeting.

Treasurer: We are losing our treasurer, Bill Brock and desperately need to fill this vacancy on the board. The treasure is responsible for receiving and depositing all funds to our club account, paying bills/expenditures approved by the board, picking up the mail from our PO Box and distributing it at the board meeting and forwarding new member and dues renewals information to the membership chair as they are received. The treasurer collects monies at the dinner meetings but help is available to anyone in this position who cannot make the dinner meetings. Bill will gladly help the new treasurer get comfortable in this position and is available on a volunteer basis for questions or help. IF YOU HAVE ANY ABILITY ALONG THESE LINES WE ARE PLEADING FOR YOUR HELP!

Conservation Chairman:

After years of work, John Ward is stepping down as the chairman. He is willing to serve on the board and assist the new chairman but we need someone interested in this area and willing to attend some meetings outside of the club and report back to the board. John will continue to monitor some long term projects that he is involved in and will help the new chairman as needed.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THESE POSITION PLEASE CONTACT KELLIE CHRISTENSEN (kclmbr@msn.com 541-776-4094) OR MIKE MASTERS (mmasters222443@charter.net 541-226-2243) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT YOUR OFFER TO SERVE.

Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award:

Time to get your nominations in to Mike or Kellie!

Ashland Fly Shop closure

The Ashland Fly Shop will be closed for the week of November 4th – 11th for renovation, repairs & renewal. They will re open on Monday, November 12th at the regular schedule of 10:00 – 5:30

From The Librarian

Please check your materials and bring any checked out items from the library back to Nov meeting. We had an extra month of check-out due to no library activity at Auction in Oct. See you there, Curt Schlosser

Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award

The outstanding club member of the year award is given each January to a member(s) as recognition for significant contribution to the Rogue Flyfishers. If you know of a club member worthy of this award, please submit the candidates name to the Board of Directors using the form printed below. This award is given to a person who has been a paid member for the entire year, and who has contributed to the achievement of the club as set forth in the Club Bylaws, Article I, which reads that the club is established “.... to promote the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources and habitats; to promote conservation of recreational resources; and to facilitate and improve the knowledge of flyfishing.” Mail the completed nomination form to Rogue Flyfishers / PO Box 4637 / Medford, OR 97501.

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I recommend the following person, or persons, for the Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award:

Name(s): _____

My recommendations are based on the following:

Submitted by: _____

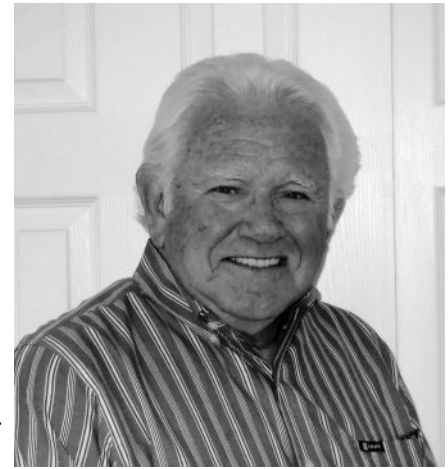
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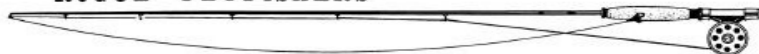
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DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in Sept. and Oct., 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	<i>Activities performed by Conservation Chair:</i> 1) Kellie Christensen participated in a signing ceremony of RFF Declaration of Cooperation statement of Oregon Solutions WISE Project (Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy) for Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek Watersheds in late September. RFF Board had reviewed and authorized the President to sign the commitment. 2) RFF signed on as partner to Scoping Comments for Jordan Cove/Pacific Connector LNG Pipeline EIS to FERC in late October. RFF also testified at public hearings in Klamath Falls and Medford, and is concerned about impact of exporting domestic natural gas. Board approved signing on recommendation of Conservation Committee. FERC will next prepare a Draft EIS for public review and comment. 3) Participated in meetings, phone conferences and video production opposing suction dredging in fish bearing streams. Focus is legislated reform of suction dredger regulation on public and private lands, and analysis of suction dredger impact on completed restoration projects. 4) Participated in agency and public meetings about Development Permits where ESA Listed Fish are Present . Consultations on Riparian Setbacks, currently 75-feet in Jackson County on private lands, but 150 to 210-feet on federal lands will continue for about another year. 5) Attended two Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions, testified on need for a Riparian Ordinance at Community Planning Workshop, and attended three Shady Cove Water Taskforce Planning or Outreach meetings. Shady Cove City Council reversed their denial of residential zoning and Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Flywater LLC on LUBA Remand. The approved R-2 zoning limits site to 40 dwelling units on about 20 acres and other conditions. The action may become final after findings are released, and appeals are heard.	Kellie Christensen, John Ward John Ward John Ward and Tom Collett John Ward John Ward

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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. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) **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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Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ Number _____ - _____

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ☐ **Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes ☐ No ☐
Are you **retired?** Yes ☐ No ☐ Are you interested in, or want help in (check all as appropriate): **Casting** ☐ **Fly tying** ☐ **Fishing Techniques** ☐ **Water Knowledge** ☐ **Conservation Activities** ☐ **Fishing Partner** ☐ **Organizing Social Activity and Group Outings** ☐ **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes ☐ No ☐ **lake boat?** Yes ☐ No ☐ other interests?

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