



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.

PROGRAM

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Rogue Fly Fishers welcomes NOAA fisheries Biologist Julie Weeder as our November Speaker. Julie will enlighten us as to the health of the Coho Salmon populations in the Rogue watershed that reflects on all anadromous species here. Julie is a leading authority on the subject of Coho recovery on the west coast.

All things shall pass.... except fly fishing

Growing up, I was known as a young man with a great number of hobbies. I did everything from snowboarding, wakeboarding, and paintballing to soccer. The list went on and on. One thing I've noticed in life is that most interests and hobbies fade away with time. Memories of going to Disneyland, Six Flags, or some other theme park to ride a rollercoaster, don't provide me with the same level of exuberance they once did. Likewise, seeing the excitement on my children's faces last night as they went trick-or-treating brought back memories of the excitement I once felt for Halloween. The point is, most all activities in life, specifically hobbies, tend to fade away as we age.

In my early 20s, I was a semi-pro wakeboarder and had an unquenchable thirst for progressing in the sport. As I hit my mid 20s, something happened. I was starting to lose the desire I once had to wakeboard. By the time I was 26, I slowed drastically in my abilities, and more so my desire to strap on my wakeboard and get into the water.

The first time I remember fishing was when I was 5 or 6 years old. My family and I were camping at Sherriff Reservoir in Colorado. I recall waking up at the break of dawn, forcing my father out of our tent trailer and making him set up my rod with a hook and worm. I remember to this day how excited I was to catch a fish. Even if this meant fishing by myself while the others wasted the morning and slept in.

As I fish today, I have every level of excitement that I experienced in my youth. While fishing the Klamath River yesterday, it dawned on me. The joy of fly fishing has been one of the few things in life that has endured all else. My passion for the sport, similar to yours, has been as strong as it has been since I received my first fly rod 25 years ago. The joy of seeing a rainbow rise to a hand-tied Elk Hair Caddis. Or, stripping a popper through dozens of Striped Bass at Lake Powell as they rage and fight over your fly. These experiences quicken the mind and speed the blood flow like none else. Fly fishing will always push you to search and see what is 'around the next corner' in order to find that next great fishing spot. This only leads you to the next corner, and the next, and so on, only to have walked miles before noticing the great distance you have gone. Fly Fishing truly is the one sport that we'll enjoy, with the same passion as the first day it sparked, till the day we leave this place we call home.

Adam Wright

Notice of Election of Directors

Under the club bylaws election of the board of directors takes place at the monthly meeting for November, which this year will be on November 18, 2015.

The terms of 5 board members expire: Jerry Haynes, Mike Masters, Theresa Schumaker, Will Johnson and John Bjorkholm. Jerry and Mike are not seeking re-election; Theresa, Will and John have agreed to stay on. Since Kellie resigned recently, we need to elect 3 new board members.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce three new candidates who have agreed to serve: John Macdiarmid, Harry Foster and Keith Hardcastle.

So the slate for election at the November will be:

New For Re-election

John MacDiarmid	Will Johnson
Harry Foster	John Bjorkholm
Keith Hardcastle	Theresa Schumaker

Under the bylaws, members at large can also make nominations. Any such nominations should be mailed or emailed to me by October 31st so we can get their names in the November newsletter. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting on November 18th.

Feel free to call me or Mike Masters if you have any questions. Thank you.

Jon Iverson, Chair
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Working with the Boy Scouts

Otis Swisher and Bob Shuck spent the evening of October first giving an introduction to fly casting to thirteen Medford Boy Scouts. The session began with 30 minutes of practicing the basic overhead cast followed by an explanation of the fly rod and fly line.

On the 9th Of October the troop went on an overnight on the bank of the Williamson River where they practiced there fly casting and received additional instruction on fly fishing.

Bob Shuck

November Outing Cancelled

The people who were going to lead the November outing to the Klamath River had some issues come up, and are no longer able to host the outing. I will be away on a fishing trip, so I am unable to lead the outing, and I have not found anyone to take over. As a result, the November outing has been cancelled. The next club outing will be to the Holy Water on New Year's Day.

David Haight, Outings Chair

What Should I Title This?

By Otis D. Swisher

I am not certain what I should title this remembrance vignette. Should it be Welcome Back, Jack? or Return to the river? Or...?

Son Mark, whose writer's nom de plume is Jack visited for a week. He had not fished for ten years after a successful run from 1978 to the 90's as a flyfishing river guide and then several other occupations up to his retirement years. He came to his "home waters" the Rogue River to fish, and so we did.

Dense fog was gone by the time we had picked up his license at The Fishin' Hole in Shady Cove. We launched the boat there. The water was clear but very low. 820 cfs. That's lower than the fall and winter flows which either of us remembered.

I suggested that he row us up the launch side's slack water and then over to river left. Mark knew better. Straight across from the boat launch THEN upstream so we could fish undisturbed water. It paid off handsomely.

Ten years without a fly rod in hand. You'd never know it. Such a beautiful casting stroke. Using the Belgian Cast(that large loop low to the side, followed by, and with perfect timing, the swinging the rod powerfully back and then up to vertical, with the line extending fully behind, and finally the power stroke forward to shoot the line out the long distance he wanted, and the final landing on the water with 3 splashes (indicator, lead fly, and trailer). A thing of beauty compared to the usual "chuck and duck" technique we are so used to.

And the fish shared my appreciation. Third cast. That's right , the third cast after ten years of lying idle and a foot long fish became enjoined to the caster. It was only the start. Less than a minute later , a 21-inch wild steelhead of solid proportions and shiny color did the honors. Fish landed. It was as if they were saying "Welcome back, Jack."

The catching held good. Four fish including one each of 24" and 25". The usual summer run fish showing great activity on the 6-wgt rods. Plus a 15" Cutthroat on the 3-wgt rod. And the next four days were carbon copies.

This year's days were like so many of past years: cool mornings, mild but not overly hot mid-day temperatures with the added blessing of the scarcity of fallen leaves covering the surface.

The week went much like the first day. In daily short stretches we covered the water from Shady Cove to TouVelle Park. We had the many "Remember the fish we took there?" Or, remember the client (name remembered here). He was from (places we recalled with amazement after these years) And the (action which took place here) , very clearly still in our minds).'''''' And, of course, the noticeable river changes that the years have brought. Oh, those enjoyable reminiscences.

Outstanding to us both was the pattern of the trailer fly which we used again after an Australian author had introduced it to Mark way back when. David Seidler whose book The King's English was made into the Oscar winning movie, liked the fly which produced well for him in his home waters: a size 16 hook with a very short white biot tail and a green "hump" (alternatively, no tail, just stubby white wings). Herl body, or spun black dubbing. It was as incredibly productive a fly for us in 2015 as it was when he fished it on the Rogue and as it had been on his Aussie home waters. Another style fly did well, too. But, you can't expect me to give away all my secrets, now, can you?

The last full day we covered the stretch Dodge Bridge to TouVelle. At Red Norton's riffle, a powerful fish broke off 10-pound leader on its undeniable rush upstream. Great start. Then, the many rocky areas were, again, a boatman's challenge since the water was so low. Mark's skills on the oars has not diminished. Just an occasional "tick". Never a resounding "bump".

Salmon Alley doesn't change. Bed Rock doesn't erode much. So, we hastened at fast river speed through the narrow 25 foot wide river slot where the entire flow of the Rogue was under us. I hooked but lost a nice fish in the same place I remembered hooking and landing one, years ago...near the same Pine Tree.

And, the bed rock of Rattlesnake, looked specially challenging to me sitting up front in the boat as I peered down on the extra large bed rock forms and foaming white water. Particularly so, since one memory I clearly retain is of my hanging up on the first chute and the boat spinning. I went through backwards. Mark held above the "rock nubbins" to survey them, then casually poured down between them into the foaming water just above the ledge. Next, the powerful heaves on the oars to move sideways to the slot at the right bank. One more chute to go. Don't relax yet. Only when he had slipped just to the right of the big rock at dead center in that final powerful chute could he relax. He had avoided "The Can Opener".

More remembrances came thick and fast: Tru-V riffle. The few spawning salmon today as compared with the 100's previously. The little dogs yipping at us from the yard as we moved mid-river to anchor in the foaming water, a favorite spot to fish.

Then the Elk Picnic Grounds with its wonderful slow moving waters. Perfect "Bomber" fishing, even today as I raised two and hooked one nice Cutthroat. The epitomy of steelhead fishing: enticing a good fish up to the surface.

It was getting late so little fishing down to TouVelle over some still good looking water. Past "Toggery Bill's" home; past the spot Mark had his final day on the river for his Beginning Fly Fishing class; past Modoc gravel Bar where the water used to be deep enough to take out a boat at the steep bank not pull it over the extensive gravel bar; the river change at the WWII bridge abutment and the "Ledges" with its flow change and finally to take-out.

The final treat to mention? Meeting up with a young man who at 12 years of age or so was a fishing client, who went on 12 October for our day on the river together, who became a skilled oarsman, so was hired by Mark to carry gear for a John Day River multi-day fishing trip with our clients and now still returns to his home waters of the Rogue whenever he can get away to fish. Great seeing you, again, Derek.

Having re-read this, I think I'll have to title it: Welcome back, Jack. Thanks for the memories. Dad

RFF Annual Steelhead Tournament – 2015

The morning started out with one of John Ward's famous gourmet breakfasts, assisted this year by Harry Foster and Kim Hardcastle. There were scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fresh fruit, coffee and donuts. The weather couldn't have been better for the event. Hopefully we have a little more water flow next year. The low water made for some interesting travels. There are rocks in places seldom seen, most of the time we float right on by and don't even know they are there.

We started & ended our day with 12 boats and at least 3 are not from our club. They heard our plea as we had a good turnout of anglers. They wanted to contribute their time and efforts to helping us with our Conservation Fund Raiser.

"The Kitchen Krew"

We had several members and spouses step up and volunteer their time in handling the Post Tournament Brats / Chicken BBQ

Kim Hardcastle, Bonnie & Rick Scriba, Tonya Haight, Harry Foster, John Anton. Michael Smith took care of arranging the Keg from Southern Oregon Brewery
Berg's Bakery & Bistro (10th & Grape St. in Medford) donated all the Cookies
The Ashland Fly Shop supplied fly boxes for Anglers & goodies for the Oarsmen

We did secure 2 sponsors this year. Our very own Dentist – Gary Lewellyn and an anonymous sponsor each donated \$250

Special Thanks to all the Oarsmen

Dave Haight, Bill Haight, Mark Edinger, Gary Lewellyn, Keith Hardcastle, Harry Piper, Boe Reed, Steve Haskell, Jon Iverson, John Schwendener, Paul Rickerson and Dan Egleston

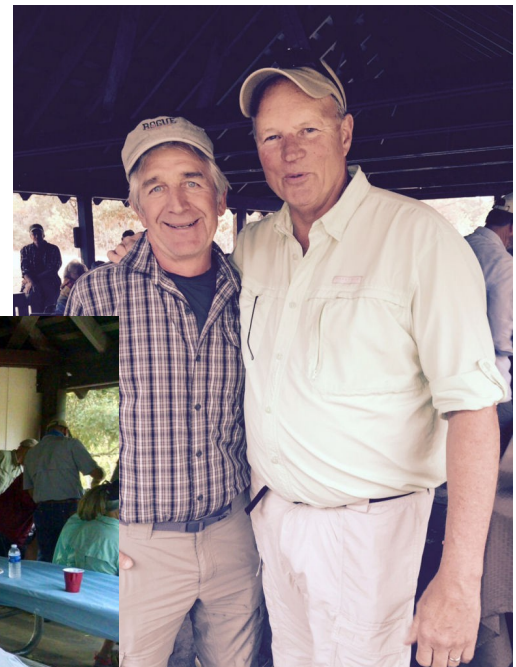
Tournament Results

12 fish were recorded this year compared to 17 in 2014, 19 in 2013, & 6 in 2012

Top Guns

Kirk Kowalke took Biggest Fish = 24" – Boatman = Dave Haight
Mike Masters had Most Inches = 57" (18"-18"-21") Boatman = Mark Edinger

The preliminary numbers are in; it looks like we raised around \$3000



Kids & Creeks - 2015

Kids & Creeks - 2015 was another big success thanks to volunteers from ten partnering organizations and agencies. Over 200 Medford area students, parents, family members and Bear Creek Park visitors discovered the fun and wonderful world of Bear Creek with hands-on exploration and activities.

Rogue Flyfishers, for a seventh year, staffed two stations: fly tying and fly casting. Members participating this year included Ed Danieli, John Ward, Ken Bonsi, Bob Shuck, John Corson, Robert Parker and Kirk Kowalke. A steady flow of elementary to high school students, parents, and multi-family groups visited eleven other stations such as creekside restoration, stream insect sampling and identification, viewing Chinook salmon spawning, salmon dissection, and storm water management plus agency information tables.

The sunny weather, colorful fall foliage, and light breezes made for great adventures, memorable skills and a prized wooly bugger to take home.



The RFF six member group photo is sequenced from left to right Ed Danieli, John Ward, Ken Bonsi, Bob Shuck, John Corson, Robert Parker. Kirk Kowalke was away briefly when I took the photo but you have several nice images of Kirk (blue shirt and white hair) showing several youngsters and adults how to create a usable wooly bugger. I was delighted the winner of RFF's Steelhead Tournament took time to volunteer the following weekend at Kids and Creeks.



A big thank you to Gary Lewellyn for his \$250 donation to the 2015 Steelhead tournament

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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Here are some pictures of the flies that the SOFT fly tyers tied for the WaterWatch and SOFF auctions. They donated about 14 or more filled fly boxes to WaterWatch and several more to SOFF.

Thank you SOFT fly tyers.



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Renew in December for the following year.

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